

VISION

OCTOBER 2011

At a Glance...

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- Oct. 22 (Sat.)** Halloween Party
Oct. 30 (Sun.) Health Awareness Day
Nov. 12 (Sat.) Music & Thali Dinner/
 Karaoke Night
Dec. 11 (Sun.) Annual Christmas Party

Newsletter Committee—Contact Info.
 Michelle Patel at ron.michelle@rogers.com

All submissions for the next issue must be received no later than **December 1, 2011.**

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If you have difficulty contacting a Mobed, please contact a Board Member.

President's Message

The summer has slowly gone and we are entering yet another Canadian winter season. The newly elected Board has already completed one year and it is time for the Board to begin planning for 2012 and beyond.

Both OZCF and ZSO, in the spirit of camaraderie and working together, celebrated a very successful joint Navroze function. For the first time in the history of Ontario Zoroastrians over 630 members celebrated, enjoyed the delicious food and danced away till late night with great music. Thanks to the hard working organizers from both associations.

Our sub-committees are hard at work planning the social and entertainment, religious, youth and sports events for the entire year of 2012. We had several very memorable and successful events such as the 1st ever Car Rally and Golf Tournament, and the ever-popular annual Lamb Roast and Parsi Natak, Cricket Dhansak Day and various sports events, along with many religious and other activities.

Both Meher and I were overwhelmed with so many get well messages, prayers, telephone calls and e-mails during my recent illness. The Panthaky family wants to thank each and everyone of you for your loving concerns and messages.

I want to thank all the Board of directors, Sub-committee members, our volunteers and donors for their ongoing help each and every time we need them.



Jal Panthaky

ZRCC Contact Information

You may contact the following to find information on when the prayer room or hall are open.

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2011 SOCIAL EVENTS

- October 22 (Sat.) **OZCF Halloween Fun Dance**—a fun-filled event for the whole family—see Page 9 for details!
- October 30 (Sun.) **Health Awareness Day**— “ THE 5 ESSENTIALS OF MAXIMIZED LIVING”
To be held at the ZRCC. Time: 2:30 pm.
Themes include: Maximized Mind, Maximized Nerve Supply, Maximized Nutrients, Maximized Oxygen & Lean Muscle, Minimized Exposure to Toxins. Call Jal or Meher Panthaky to register at 905-568-4946 or email: meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca
DO NOT MISS IT—THIS IS A MUST ATTEND EVENT!!
- November 12 (Sat.) **Gymkahana Night/ Music & Thali Dinner**—an evening of Karaoke— ZRCC—6:30 pm—see Page 10!
- December 11 (Sun.) **Christmas Party**—a fun filled afternoon of games, craft, karaoke, food & eggnog at ZRCC - see Page 10!

2011 RELIGIOUS EVENTS

December 26 (Monday) 11:00am Zarhost-no-Diso (F)

*** 2012 SOCIAL EVENTS ***

The new year is not far away—so mark your calendars for these dates—they will come up before you know it!

January 21, 2012 (Sat.) Gymkhana Night at OZCF
March 24, 2012 (Sat.) Navroze Persian Night at Galaxy Banquet Hall
April 15, 2012 (Sun.) Car Rally at OZCF
May 11, 2012 (Fri.) Orient Express Gala at Burlington Convention Centre
June 10, 2012 (Sun.) Fun Fair at OZCF

2011 CHILDREN'S RELIGION CLASSES

Children's Religion Classes have resumed for the fall both at the MGDM (for children in the east end of Toronto) and John Fraser Secondary School (for children in the west end of Toronto).

MGDM

October 23rd, 2011
November 6th, 2011
November 20th, 2011 (Joint Session)
December 4th, 2011
December 18th, 2011

JOHN FRASER SECONDARY

October 23rd, 2011
November 6th, 2011
November 20th, 2011 (Joint Session)
December 4th, 2011
December 18th, 2011

Regularly scheduled classes at the MGDM run from 2:45 PM to 5:15 PM and at John Fraser Secondary School from 11:30 AM to 1:30PM. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Khurshid Engineer at khurshid.engineer@rbc.com.

Updated Website

Members at the last AGM held in 2010 were informed that the OZCF were working on updating their website that would allow easier maintenance, more functionality and better communication with its members. The first step in that process has been completed and the OZCF has an updated web site and will be updating it over the next few months as it adds more functionality.

There is also a yellow pages section where an OZCF paid up member can advertise their business for only \$50 per calendar year. Anyone interested in advertising on the yellow pages, contact Rumi Jasavala at rumijas@hotmail.com or 905-257-7864.

Communication/Media & IT

The OZCF website has been updated to include a Gallery of pictures for events. Please see the Gallery tab on the right hand side.

We have managed to include the Autodialer message itself on the website which has been done for Bereavement messages in the last month. This gives you the ability to listen to the Autodialer message again, in case you missed it or did not quite 'get it'. You would need sound on your computer or internet device to listen to the message and it can be accessed by computer and certain cell phones. The web site will be undergoing some other cosmetic changes over the next 2 months and we will highlight these once they have been completed.



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As We Grow

ACTIVITIES

OZCF social and entertainment committee and the Board organized Golf event at Caledon Golf Club and Senior's Appreciation Day in September. Both events were attended by large number of our membership and guests and were very successful.

PATIO COVER AND STORAGE SHED

Our patio cover and storage shed construction is delayed due to further technical information required by the Town which is now prepared and submitted. We are hopeful to receive the permit by mid-end of October.

PARKING LOT

We have ordered asphalt grindings which will be spread, graded and compacted to avoid the puddles and muddy conditions. This project will cost us around \$11,000. So far we have received close to \$2,000 towards parking lot repairs. I urge our membership to kindly donate to cover the cost.

PLACE OF WORSHIP PROJECT

The Board is working on preparing a master plan for our vision in relation to the Town of North Oakville East Secondary master plan. In August 2011, Board consulted Western Consulting Group, experts in Town of Oakville zoning and development requirement about North Oakville East secondary master plan. They provided detailed information to Board of Directors to consider the requirements of compliance with existing bylaws, timeline and duration required to achieve full compliance to obtain site plan approval, zoning requirements, and the requirements of the infrastructure of water, sewage and storm services etc.

It became very evident to the Board of Directors that, at present, it is not advisable to rush into planning on construction of Place of Worship for few years until the services are available. Consultant further recommended that it will be very expensive process if we attempt to build the place of worship prior to zoning changes and availability of the services. The Board may need to investigate further to find out what would be involved if we decide to build Place of Worship in short term (2-4 years) as recommended by LTPC. Considering the above, The Board resolved that we will continue to prepare the plans for Place of Worship, but will not rush in to construct it.

The Board of Directors further decided to focus on the Long Term Planning Committee (LTPC) recommendation to form a Place of Worship Advisory Committee (PWAC).

The goal and objective of the PWAC committee will be to consult a full cross-section of our membership including young, youth, older members, Iranians, new arrivals, locally born, other experienced people and other organizations, professionals in various technical, planning, religious, financial and social fields, experienced in construction, maintenance, management and sustainability of the Place of Worship and prepare their report and recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends to appoint someone from our membership who is capable of leading this committee in a well structured manner, who is dynamic, professional, logical, analytical, un-biased, a good presenter and communicator, well-respected and connected to the young and old of our community and able to prepare a comprehensive report.

The Place of Worship Advisory Committee once ready, will present their completed report and recommendations to the Board of Directors who will be able to review and put forward to the OZCF membership. It should be noted that the purpose of engaging such a committee is to provide a mechanism for adequate gathering of relevant information and allow correct planning, budgetary control and involvement from the full OZCF membership and make recommendations.

I want to thank all our members, volunteers, donors and subcommittee members for their continued help and support to our organization. Without your ongoing help and support this organization could not continue.

IMPACT DAY BY DELOITTE

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On September 23, **Pesh Patel** of Deloitte organized this annual Impact Day event with his team of 17 dedicated volunteers from Deloitte Group along with some of OZCF members to provide voluntary services to OZCF. These volunteers picked up debris (stones, metal, wood and fallen tree branches from the grounds and filled 60 yard dumpsters with debris. They removed all weeds from the fire Pond area, covered the clean area with artificial turf, and cleaned, sanded, stained and applied clear coat on two picnic benches.

Our regular volunteers organized and served breakfast and lunch. Amazingly, all of the above work was carried out in spite of pouring rain! Deloitte Group not only provided voluntary work but paid for the food, the rental cost of dumpster and purchase of some garden tools etc. OZCF members and the Board of Directors would like to thank all these dedicated, hard working Deloitte, as well as our own, to make this Impact Day a great success.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

From your OZCF Youth Committee...



Hello Everyone,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer and looking forward to the winter wonderland. The year passed by so quickly in the youth committee and we all got to learn a lot in the past year. We would like to thank everyone for the support that they have given us and liking our group on facebook. For those of you who have not joined our facebook group, "Young Zoroastrians in Ontario", please add us and become active members in the community.

Just wanted to update the community of what the Youth Committee has in mind for the new fiscal year. We had an open house on September 27th, where we got positive feedback from youth about involvement in the community. We are extremely excited about the New Year and hoping to get more positive feedback as time passes. During the open house some of the suggestions we received were about organizing a skiing trip, different workshops (dance, public speaking, drumming). If anyone is interested in the above activities or want to get more involved please contact us. Your feedback is a gift to us. Hope to see you all for our upcoming events; thank you to all that have supported us throughout the experience in the past year.

Kind regards,
Darius Dinshaw, cell: (647) 290-2124
youth.ozcf@gmail.com

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Young Zoroastrians In Ontario

Sports Update



The OZCF sports committee continues to embark on bringing the two popular events, "Cricket/Dhansak" and "Sports Day" to its members. These two exciting events have been attended with enthusiasm and fun and allows the whole family to join in!

With fall and winter approaching, we will be moving the activities inside, however we may find some ingenious methods of bringing a couple of outdoor events too! The types of events we are looking at having over the winter months are: Skating, Cross Country Skiing at the OZCF, Zumba, Soccer and a Table Tennis/Carrom tournament. It's an enjoyable way to spend time with family and friends and stay active at the same time.

The sports committee thanks everyone who attended the past events and we look forward to your continued participation. If there is a sporting event you would like to see us organize, contact our Sports committee chairperson Rumi Jasavala 905-257-7864 or email your suggestion at rumijas@hotmail.com and the committee would happy to look into it.



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MILESTONES

NAVJOTE

Congratulations to **Aiden & Rachel Silliphant**, children of Zenobia (Pardiwala) and Harry Silliphant, as they celebrated their Navjote ceremony on August 27th in Oakville, Ontario.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FEZANA Award Winners: The OZCF congratulates the following young achievers of GTA for receiving FEZANA awards for the Academic Programs:

**Azvina Mehta
Shiavax Rao
Cyrus Panthaky
Zenita Tarapore**

Congratulations

OZCF members and Board of Directors are proud of **Tanya Bharda** who spent four months in India to volunteer for various non-government organizations such as Salam Balak Trust, Vinimay Trust, Child Rights and You (CRY), and Prem Dan Garden School. While in India she taught English to poor children, campaign against child labour and attended under privileged children camp in Khandala. Tanya also raised \$2,500 before leaving for India and donated to street kids, buy uniforms, books, food, stationary etc.

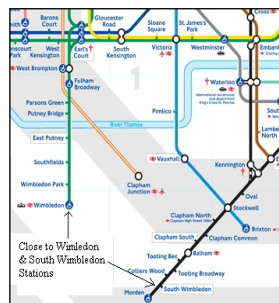
She is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Social Science at the U of T Mississauga campus. Tanya wants to fight for the rights of street children and believes that every child needs equality and not charity. She is the daughter of proud parents of Khushroo and Havovi Bharda and sister of Rushad Bharda in Mississauga. Congratulation Tanya— keep up the great work!

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1st Annual OZCF Golf Tournament

September 11, 2011 was a memorable day for more than one reason. Amid the rolling hills in scenic Caledon, the inaugural **OZCF Golf Tournament** took place on a perfect day for golf.

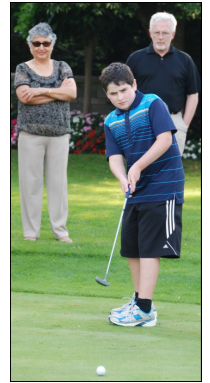
Prior to tee off, the 70-plus golfers took part in collective callisthenics to loosen up limbs before carting off to their respective holes for the shotgun start. Young and younger all had a chance to show off their golf skills!

Prizes were awarded for putting competitions, longest drives and closest-to-the-pin shots. For those unable to take part in the golf, it was well worth the scenic drive to enjoy the delicious dinner at the Caledon Golf and Country Club. With over 50 prizes in the raffle, winners were announced during the meal with the grand prize being a trip for two to South Africa!



There were many winners on the night but the overall champion of the evening was indeed the OZCF, as the organization collected proceeds of **\$12,500!!**

Golfing gurus **Chisty and Firdosh Bulsara** and event organizer extraordinaire **Kermin Byramjee**, along with **Diana Gazdar** and **Gulrukh and Cawas Patel** captained the committee which put on this fabulous event. The committee wishes to thank all those who attended. And a special thanks to all the sponsors for their generosity. As one golfer said, "can't wait for next year's event!"





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HONOURABLE MENTION

Behram Baxter's 70th Birthday Bash

The OZCF would like to congratulate **Behram Baxter**, as he celebrated his 70th birthday this summer in Oakville with his family and friends. Behram and his wife Rena not only entertained the guests with live music, drinks and lovely food but donated over \$7,000 received in gifts to OZCF. OZCF members and The Board of Directors wishes Behram and Rena the very best and appreciate their ongoing support to the OZCF.

OZCF 2nd Annual Sports Day



The OZCF sports committee hosted its 2nd annual Sports Day at the ZRCC on **Sunday, August 28, 2011**. We were graced with sunshine and mild temperatures that made it very comfortable for both spectators and over 90 participants!

The races consisted of relays, sponge and bucket, 3-legged and sack race. It was extremely encouraging to see the level of competition; an example of the sporting reputation of Zoroastrians that will stay strong for years in schools across Canada. Youngsters showed determination, team spirit and sportsmanship; strong factors in character building and forging friendships.



Seeing young kids being urged on by the parents and watching their smiles as they finished their races was a joy to witness (check out the OZCF website Gallery for more pictures). The grimacing faces of the older generation followed by smiles as they finished the races was most amusing! What a high for parents who competed to be cheered on by their kids. Kudos to parents for modelling participation!

The Sports Committee would like to thank Logihedron for their sponsorship of this event. Their generosity in all sports events goes a long way to help offset expenses and keep fees low. Thanks to those volunteers who helped clean up afterwards and thanks to Havovi Bharda and Hutoxi & Tobin Kitigawa for helping manage the food and clean up.

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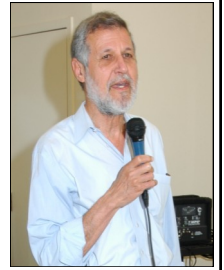


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Seniors' Appreciation Day 2011

Si Señor! What a dynamic group our seniors continue to be! Many of them are regularly seen at the ZRCC participating in OZCF events such as taking part in weekly yoga sessions to attending lectures on topics of interest. They also venture off on field trips to witness shows or off to casinos to have some fun as one-armed bandits on the slot machines. Many others soldier on for the noble cause of the OZCF by sacrificing time to helping run the bingo sessions which continue to generate revenue for the OZCF, to spending countless hours on the phone contacting members, to assisting in cooking and cleaning during religious periods such as the Muktads and Ghambars. The aforementioned catalogue of collaboration is by no means exhaustive.



So what drives this amazing group? It is a combination of affinity, kinship, fraternization and a collaborative spirit to benefit the OZCF. The Board of Directors wanted to express their gratitude and organized a special luncheon, held on **Sunday, September 25**, at the ZRCC. Lunch included Dhan sak, kebobs, kachumber and custard all homemade by a band of volunteers who deserve a big gratitude. Performances by some of the grandchildren i.e. Nina Gazdar, Shanaya Patel and some Seniors amongst the audience like Khushroo Mirza, Ron Moose and Nani Kapadia enjoyed it all. It was a fun-filled day for the Seniors!

THANK YOU Seniors— for thy contributions are immense, thy charity is humbling and thy energy inspirational!



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OZCF HALLOWEEN FUN DANCE!

(Children's Activities Included)

Date and Time: **Saturday, October 22, 2011**
at 7.00pm to the Wee-Hours

Place: OZCF

RSVP to: Jeroo Madan or
Perveen Katila

By: **Friday, October 14, 2011**

Email: jeroomadan@hotmail.com

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Time: 4 to 7 pm

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Date: Saturday November 12, 2011

Time: Starting at 6:30 pm.

Location: ZRCC

Price: Adults \$15, Children 4-10yrs \$10
Non-Members \$20, Children 4-10yrs \$15

For tickets contact:

Gulrukh Patel 905-542-0237 or

Meher Panthaky 905-568-4946 / meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Merry Christmas!

OZCF Annual Christmas Party

*Come join us for a fun filled afternoon of
games, craft, karaoke, food & eggnog at ZRCC*

Sunday December 11, 2011

Starting at 3 pm

Seniors & Adults \$10; Children \$15

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