



Zoroastrian Association of California

April 2012

2012-2013 Executive Committee

President – Tehmi Damania Vice President –Perinne Medora Treasurer – Rooky Fitter
Joint Secretaries –Parvez Erani and Deelnavaz Tarapore Program Chair – Prochi Mistry
Youth Coordinator – Merzi Limath

UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie Night: Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 6:30 pm

ZAC is pleased to announce the screening of the widely acclaimed, Academy nominated Film LAGAAN. It is a movie based on a very famous novel by the same name, and was in 2011 nominated by TIME MAGAZINE as an all time 25 BEST SPORTS MOVIE with a beautiful social and a patriotic Indian theme! It has none other than Amir Khan in the lead and has some beautifully composed numbers by A.R.REHMAN. To date it has been the biggest block buster of our times not just in India but across the world. Do not miss seeing this Epic movie on the big screen.

DINNER: Between 6-30 pm - 7-15pmmenu not decided as yet...will advise in email blasts to follow.

CONTACT: Phiroze at phiroze.gundevia@gmail.com or 949-419-1096

CHARGE: \$10/members before 04-12-12, after which the cost is \$12/each members.

WALK-A-THON: Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the William Mason Park, Irvine.

Walk-a-thon 2012 and the International Day of Service Shoe Drive will be held on Sunday April 29th at 11:00am at Mason Park in Irvine. Prizes will be given to the oldest, youngest and 1st runner to complete 1 lap, maximum laps walked and lots of other prizes. A grand prize will be given to the person who brings in the maximum amount in pledges and we encourage all ages to participate. We promise you a relaxing fun-filled day, so do sign up to enjoy the good weather and fun times with your ZAC family.

We will also be holding our popular dessert competition showcasing the talents of our budding pastry chefs. Please contact our event coordinator, Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 and let her know what you will be bringing. The dessert competition will only be held if we have 5 or more entries. Please see the attached flyers for more details. Please bring your family and friends to this event. *Remember this is our first fund raiser for the Prayer Room and we are looking forward to maximum support and participation.*

KARAOKE NIGHT: Sunday, May 13, 2012 at 4:00 pm

Spend Mother's Day with family and friends at the ZAC Center. This is a fundraiser for the 2014 Congress and your support will mean everything. ALL are Welcome to this FUN, FUN, FUN event. More details to follow.

LADIES CLUB: Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 1:00 pm

Our fun Ladies Club meeting will once again be on May 20th, 2012. It will begin at 1:00 pm. As usual we will have a pot-luck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish to share – **6 to 8 servings please**. The special guest will be announced later. RSVP or questions please call Dogdo Arjani at 818-545-8161.

REIKI: Sunday May 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m

Vera & Pesi Shroff, Traditional Usui Reiki Master/Teachers from Ottawa, Canada will provide an opportunity to experience Reiki and give presentation on the use and benefits of Reiki - a tool for self-healing and personal growth.

JASHAN/GAHAMBAR and AGM: Saturday, June 16, 2012

If any member has anything relevant to bring up for discussion at the AGM, please send in a request in writing to Tehmi Damania (tdamania@zaca.org) so that we can add it to the agenda. Items brought up from the floor will only be allowed 3 minutes per member.

Dinner will include Parsi food served after the AGM.

Suggested donation - \$10 per person. Children under 5 FREE.

As usual we need volunteers for ravo, malido, fruits, nuts, etc.- please call Deelnavaz.

RSVP by June14 : Deelnavaz Tarapore (909)-606-0017 if you will be attending.

Save the Date: Saturday, August 18, 2012

Our **New Year/Papeti Function** will be held on Saturday, August 18th, 2012.

More details to follow in the next newsletter.

PAST EVENTS

Navroze Function:

Our first event, the Navroze function went off with a VERY BIG BANG. Over 230 people attended the function and all – young and old - seemed to have a great time. The evening began with a Jashan followed by chasni, the ribbon cutting of the new and improved Arjani Hall by Dogdo and Tehemtan Arjani, followed by the delicious appetizers and Brazilian Dancers and then finally the delicious dinner by Shahnavaaz. The dessert – Parsi Custard – made by Prochi Mistry added a nice touch of Parsipanu to the event. The rest of the evening was spent dancing to the music by the DJ. We look forward to more attendance and participation in even greater numbers.

The ZAC Committee would like to thank the Mobeds, Zarir Bhandara, Zerkxis Bhandara, Fali Kanga, Maneck Bhujwala, and Behram Deboo for performing the Jashan, Dolly Malva for bringing all the items pertaining to the Jashan, Mahrukh Bhujwala for the Malido, Rhoda Lakdawalla, Deelnavaz Tarapore and Vira Santoke for the Ravo, Mitra Irani and Aban Kapadia for the fruits. Thank you also to Mahnaz Erani for the bringing and setting up the items on the beautiful Navroze Table and Mitra Irani for putting the great finishing touches. Prochi Mistry, our event coordinator, went all out and provided the candles and floral center pieces for the tables. She also made the scrumptious Lagan-nu-Custard. Thank you volunteers who helped in setting up the tables and chairs in the Arjani Hall on Ladies Club day. Also all the behind the scenes workers who helped with every detail to make this a special occasion.

Ladies Club meeting was held on Sunday March 11th, 2012. Dogdo Arjani did a hands-on demonstration of the Dar-ni-pori. A white elephant sale was also held that day and we did very well with a collection \$232. About 20 ladies and quite a few gentlemen attended the demonstration and all seemed to enjoy making and especially eating the Dar-ni-pori.

Youth Outing:

The March 31, Spring break youth event was a great success! We all met at Soup Plantation in Irvine by 12:30pm. The food was excellent. A grand total of 27 ZAC Youth Members showed up. After having brunch we all met at Boomers right down the street for some fun and games. There was mini-golf, go-carting, and lots of socializing. After that, we all met at Tustin Lanes for bowling at 4:00pm. We bowled for two hours straight and everyone was very happy as well as exhausted. After that, a few of us went to Red Robin in Irvine Spectrum for a delicious dinner. The weather was perfect, the youth were happy, and everyone got home safe. All in all, the event was fantastic!

Announcements

Congratulations to Bomi Ghadiali

ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) presented Bomi on March 3rd, 2012 with the Robert W. Bein Annual Lifetime Achievement Award, 2012 for his dedicated service to the Engineering Profession and committed efforts to the Los Angeles Section Life Member Forum.

Congratulations Darius Bhadha!

Kudos to our young Darius Bhadha, son of Farhad and Afrid Bhadha for his second time running and completing the **LA Marathon (26.2 miles)** on March 18, 2012.
Way to Go Darius!

Recital by Mahfrin Santoke

Mahfrin Santoke will be giving her Masters Flute recital on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at California State University, Northridge. (Nordhoff St, between Reseda and Lindley). Admission is free (except for parking) and all are welcome. Program will include works by Handel, Caliendo, Dutilleux, Boehm, and Khachaturian. If you wish to attend, please call for exact directions to the music department: 714-655-3821 or email msantoke@gmail.com.
Good Luck Mahfrin!

SUDRES AND KUSTIS FOR SALE:

An Anonymous member has very kindly donated sudres and kustis which are available for purchase to ZAC members at a very reasonable price. The items are of very good quality, and are available in various sizes. All proceeds will go to the ZAC Youth Fund.
Please call Gool Jesung at 714-842-3032 if interested.

YOUTH SHOW DVDs:

Thank you Zubin Khambatta for once again making the youth show DVDs for ZAC.
The 2011 ZAC YOUTH SHOW DVDs are at the Center and being sold for \$10 each. We only have a limited stock, so please get your copy NOW! If you wish to order the DVD by mail the cost will be \$14. Please contact Deelnavaz Tarapore at 909-606-0017 or e-mail dtarapore@zacla.org.

Change of Address & Phone Numbers.

Ferhiz and Farhad Sidhwa
10891 Via Lombardia # 2501, San Diego, CA 92129
858 240 0251

Nazneen and Adil Shroff
6362 Puma Place, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

Zenobia and Hoshang Master
4085 Nobel Drive, Apt. #23, San Diego, CA 92122-5872
858-205-8967 (Hoshang Cell) 858-886-6934 (Zenobia Cell)

Ferez Khavarian
2276 West Colchester Drive, #8, Anaheim, CA 92804
714-317-6735

Appeal:

An appeal from FKS Foundation Mumbai was received for the different causes promoted by the trust. They are known and trusted in India for the time and trouble they take to collect and distribute aid to those who need it most. They are a hands-on organization.

- Medical Aid to the needy
- Charitable Homoeopathic Clinic run by our Mg. Trustee & Vice President on every Tuesday
- Physical Aid Items given on concessional rate
- Educational Aid once a year
- Adoption of students by sponsors
- Merit Prizes for Medical, Engineering, Architecture and post graduate studies
- Merit Prizes for Std X (SSC/ICSE) and Std. XII (HSC) Exams
- Scholarships to children of Police Personnel
- Donations to Educational Institutions and Minority Associations
- Encouragement in sports, talent, and fine arts
- Print and Sale of Parsee Marriage Rites Booklets

Please make checks payable to ZAC and mail to 1424 E. Walnut Ave, Orange, CA 92867 with a memo mention that it is for FKS Foundation by May 1st, 2012.

CONDOLENCES

Mobed Shahbahram Shahzadi Passed away on Thursday, February 23, 2012. Mobed Shahzadi was the senior mobed at the California Zoroastrian Center for many years and also known to many ZAC members. Our sincere condolences to Mobed Shahzadi's family and loved ones. May his soul rest in peace.

Sadly, the ZAC community lost one of our own members, Arnavaz Aga who passed away on March 13, 2012 in Mumbai, India. Arnavaz was the mother of Rooky Khushroo Fitter, Khushnuma Malcolm Darukhanawalla, Zubina Zubin Mehta and the grandmother of Roxanne, Shahnaz and Freddy Fitter, Naushaas and Nazban Darukhanawalla and Aashi Mehta. Our sincere condolences to the family and loved ones. May her soul rest in peace.

RALPHS COMMUNITY PROGRAM:

We just received a check for \$133.29 for the ZAC members who shopped at Ralphs. ***Thank you to the families of Barjor Alamshaw, Cush Bhada, Pheroze Coachbuilder, Nergish Daruvalla, Dadi Dhabhar, Rooky Fitter, Bomi Ghadiali, Aban Kapadia, Hoshang Khambatta, Benaifer Limath, Minoo Netervala, Percy Presswalla, Burjor Santoke, Kay Writer and one other (no details available).***

You literally have to do nothing more than register under ZAC in the Ralphs Community Program. Then if you shop at Ralphs they will automatically give ZAC a percentage of the amount you have spent. Please spend a few minutes to register for this program. The form is available at www.zacla.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Please note that from this year **FEZANA** has two new scholarships
Purvez and Aban Rustomji Endowment Scholarship
Morvorid Guiv Endowment Scholarship

Changes for 2012 are

The Kapadia Endowment Scholarship has been increased.

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of FEZANA,

MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI (MMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, THE FEZANA SCHOLAR has been increased to \$10,000 for this year only.

Those who wish to apply, look for downloads at www.fezana.org

Thank you to Banoo and Sohrab Irani for donating plates and silverware for the Center. They will be useful for smaller gatherings like the humbandagi group, etc so that we can help towards saving the environment by using less paper goods. Banoo and Sohrab also donated a picture of Pir-e-Sabz and some files and folders.

The committee would like to thank members for their feedback, suggestions and encouragement. We would also like to have ideas for fun events. We have had suggestions like Bingo, Bridge, Bunco, Poker, Whist Drive and of course the ever-popular Table Tennis and Carom tournaments. Send in your ideas to committee@zacla.org. We will have the events that are most popular as soon as we get enough interest in them. Let's have a great summer!

Membership renewals are due January 1st for the current calendar year. Are YOU a member yet? Membership in ZAC has privileges. The most important of these is a sense that you belong to the ZAC community. We know you are busy and sometimes you forget, so please consider this as a gentle reminder and make sure your membership is current. Parents please make your 18yr+ children members TODAY so they can avail of subsidies for all youth outings and events during the year.



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please Select Type Membership(s):

Quantity

<input type="checkbox"/> Life	Husband/wife & children under 18	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	Husband/wife & children under 18	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	Adult (over 18)	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	Over 65 Years of Age	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	Full time Student	\$25

Make check payable to “Zoroastrian Association of California” and mail to address below, or complete this form online and pay with credit card at www.zacla.org

TITLE ___ FIRST _____ LAST _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE ___ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____ DOB ____/____/____ EMAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ___ life ___ family ___ individual ___ senior

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Please mail this form along with your check to:
Zoroastrian Association of California, 1424 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange, CA 92867



WALK-A-THON-2012

and



International Day of Service

SHOE DRIVE

Special Feature. . . Dhansak in the Park

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012 at 11:00 AM

MASON PARK, (SHELTER #6)

18712 UNIVERSITY DR., IRVINE, CA 92612

On this day our community will take a unified step toward helping those who need it most.

***Entry fee \$15 ea. (min.) Children under 5 Free
(Please try and get as many friends as possible to sponsor you.)
and donate a pair of gently used shoes***

- To support Fund Raising efforts for our new PRAYER ROOM
- Games, prizes and lots of fun for all ages
- Dessert Competition Please RSVP (No. of Entries Permitting)

Schedule of Events

11:00 am Registration

11:30 am Walkathon starts

1:00 pm Picnic Lunch – Dhansak

Kavab and Kachumber

followed Dessert Competition & Games

Please note: Sponsorships and Volunteers are the “Backbone” of any successful event . . . We need VOLUNTEERS FOR: Cooking, Marking the Course, Organizing Games, Tea Urns, Outdoor Stoves, etc.

We also need SPONSORS FOR: WATER & PIZZA for the kids

To RSVP, sponsor or volunteer for any part of the event, please contact:

KATY KHAMBATTA

858-450-0190 or khambatta@sbcglobal.net

PROCHI MISTRY

661-284-3055 or mistryprochi@aol.com





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SPONSORSHIP FORM
PRAYER ROOM WALK-A-THON
APRIL 29, 2012 – MASON PARK (SHELTER #6), IRVINE, CA
REGISTRATION: 11:00 AM - WALK BEGINS AT 11:30 AM

Name of Walker: _____

	Sponsor's Name	Sponsor's Address	Flat Donation	Collected
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Please make tax-deductible checks payable to: ZAC
Thank you for your support and generosity.

Please support the ZAC Youth and bring a pair of Shoes. Give back to the community by collecting shoes and distributing them to the needy.

For information contact:
Behrose Taraporewalla 626.378.5564 or
Merzi Limath 714.369.0197

This initiative is organized by:



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It is time again to apply for the Cyrus R. Fatakia Memorial Scholarship which was created to honor and cherish the loving memory of our beloved Cyrus.

**CYRUS R. FATAKIA
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



*To Live in Hearts we leave behind is not to die.
~ Thomas Campbell, Hallowed Ground*

The Scholarship provides Zoroastrian students with financial assistance to study at institutions of higher learning within the United States. Please contact the Cyrus R. Fatakia Memorial Scholarship Committee at bvbm.santoke@verizon.net if you would like to apply for this scholarship.

Good Luck & God Bless!

Sincerely,
Rohinton, Erna & Darius Fatakia

*"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



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TO:

ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

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Save the Date: Papeti/New Year Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the ZAC Center

Rates for advertising in the ZAC newsletter are as follows:

4 Consecutive Issues:	One Time Advertisement
\$ 200 Full Page	\$ 60 Full Page
\$ 110 Half Page	\$ 40 Half Page
\$ 60 Quarter Page	\$ 25 Quarter Page
\$ 40 1/8 Page	\$ 15 1/8 Page