



Zoroastrian Association of California

February 2013

2012-2013 Executive Committee

President – Tehmi Damania Vice President – Perinne Medora Treasurer – Rooky Fitter
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Youth Coordinator – Merzi Limath

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Club Meeting : Sunday February 24th, 2013

The next Ladies Club meeting is going to be held on Feb. 24th, 2013 at 1:00pm.

As usual we will have a pot-luck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish to share – **6 to 8 servings please**. At this meeting Vira Santoke will demonstrate how to make Parsi Sagan-ni-Sev and Dogdo Arjani will demonstrate an easy side-dish. RSVP or questions please call Dogdo Arjani at 818-545-8161.

JASHAN GHAMBHAR/NAVROZE: Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

Get ready for our fun event of the year. Our Navroze celebrations will be held on Saturday, March 23. Jashan starts at 5:30 pm followed by Main Event at 7:00 pm. Volunteers needed to bring Malido, Ravo, Fruit, Nuts etc.

Those who have not paid their membership dues please do so before March 16th to avail of **Membership Pricing**.

Event pricing is as follows – **Members: \$25** **Non-Members: \$40**
 Children (5-10): \$15 **Children under 5 FREE**

Please RSVP to Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or email mistryprochi@aol.com no later than March 20th. You can also send in the attached form with your check. Please also inform Prochi if you will be bringing anything for the chasni.

Walk-a-Thon: Sunday, April 28, 2013: Prayer Room Fundraiser – All are welcome.

Bring your friends and neighbors. Registration starts at 11:00 am. Walkers start at 12 noon.

Minimum charge is \$15 per person. Children under 5 are FREE.

Please see attached flyer for details and start getting your sponsors ready to make this the biggest and best fundraiser ever. This is a community event outdoors that is fun for everyone. Flyers and sponsorship forms available online or at the ZAC Center. **Volunteers required for this event. Please contact Katy 858-450-0190 or Prochi 661-284-3055 and offer to help.**

HOLLYWOOD BOWL: July 4, 2013

ZAC goes to the Hollywood Bowl!

Concert with **Fireworks** featuring Josh Groban with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West.

Cost is \$17 per person which includes a reserved picnic spot. Tickets are limited.

Please call Burjor Santoke at 714-963-1301 or email bvhm.santoke@verizon.net if you are interested and send check made out to ZAC to ZAC Center, 1424 E. Walnut Ave, Orange, CA 92867.

As usual, we will picnic before the show with our usual pora-pau, cutlets and other Parsi favorites.

PAST EVENTS

X-Mas Day Movie Night held on Tuesday Dec. 25th, 2012 was well enjoyed by around 22 members. A lovely dinner of Biryani, Chicken Ni Kalijee (Arnavaz Dungore) and Parsi Custard (Deelnavaz Tarapore) and Vegetarian rice, baked dish and Patrel (Yasmin Gundevia) was followed by the movie Ek tha Tiger. *Thank you Phiroze and Yasmin Gundevia for organizing this fun filled event.*

PRE-CONGRESS NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH:

From the Congress Committee:

Our thanks for the immense support we received from the greater Zoroastrian community of the Southland in making this New Year's Eve event such a success. It gives us hope that the Congress will be enthusiastically attended by our local community of young and old. We anticipate your help and ideas, as true Zarthostis to volunteer your time and talent to the success of the 2014 North American Zoroastrian Congress. It was heartening to see so many younger Zarthostis who danced through the night to bring in the New Year. You are our hope and future and we look forward to your ongoing participation.

Our thanks to Shida Anoshiravani and Shiva Khorshidian for the arrangements and hard work in true Zoroastrian style. Any glitches will be considered learning curves and we will endeavour to improve. We apologize for any shortcomings. We look forward to your future participation in our get together.

Thank you All and A Very Happy New Year!

Ladies Club: The Ladies Club met on Sunday 13 January. About 50 members were present to share a lovely potluck lunch and to listen and learn about Nutrition from a dietician Ms. Aditi Shah. Everyone enjoyed her input on the diet and her handout regarding healthy snacks. *Thank you Dogdo Arjani for inviting her again to talk to ZAC members.*

Valentine Day Dinner Fundraiser: was held on Saturday 16 February was attended by about 70 members and friends. This fundraiser was organized by Katy Khambatta and Prochi Mistry and the delicious food was prepared by volunteers. Warm soup provided by Katy was welcomed as were the punch and delicious appetizers enjoyed by all and prepared by Prochi Mistry. The patra-ni-macchi was prepared by Xerxes Commissariat, the Parsi stew was prepared by Zarrir Bhandara in our very own kitchen, rotlis (authentic Parsi style) were made by Dilnavaz Shroff. The lagan-nu achar was flown in from Mumbai for the occasion. The Sheekh Kababs, Lamb Biryani and Masala Chicken were ordered from Noorani. The dessert was chocolate covered strawberries and cheesecake. The entertainment was Bollywood style music provided by the very popular Gloria Manuza. Thank you to our volunteers Katy Khambatta, Prochi Mistry, Xerxes Commissariat, Dilnavaz Shroff, Aban Kapadia (prizes), Merzi Limath and Firouz Felfeli (audio/visual).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS:

A baby boy **Barjor** was born to Shaumika and Sarvin Coachbuilder in Dallas on November 12, 2012. *Congratulations to the parents and paternal grandparents Deenaz and Pheroze on the happy event.*

WE are delighted to announce the birth of our 3rd grandchild.

RIAA DOLLY Contractor Morena

born on 9th Jan 2013 at 3:37 AM at Mission Hospital in Orange County, California.

Big brother Ryaan gave a warm welcome to his sister.

Houtoxi & Farhad Contractor.

Congratulations to the Morenas and the Contractors and welcome to the community Baby Riaa!

MATRIMONIAL:

Navaz is 24 years of age. Date of Birth 06/28/1988. She is about 5'4" in height. She has a BA in Public Affairs. At present she is a manager at Helsberg Diamonds.

She is independent and lives on her own. We are considering a gentleman who is a Zoroastrian but is from United States or Canada. The age range is 24-30. Must be educated, employed and willing to settle in United States. Navaz does not want to move to Canada. For the right person, she is willing to change states in U.S.

Her e-mail is navazzp@gmail.com if any one wants to be in touch with her.
She is also on Facebook and her contact is www.facebook.com/navazzp

OBITUARY FOR GOOL S. KAPADIA

Our beloved Mother, Gool S. Kapadia, went to her heavenly abode peacefully in her sleep on Friday, December 28, 2012. She was 95 years young. She is survived by her two daughters, Zarin Dexler and Pervin Kapadia Edmunds, her granddaughter Rona Dexler, and her son-in-law Malcolm Edmunds. Gool's husband, Shiavax Sorabji Kapadia, predeceased her on December 25, 2006.

Gool was born on March 28, 1917, to Ratanbai and Dr. Ardeshir Meher-Homji in Bombay, India.

Gool was the sweetest, most loving and gentle soul, who never hurt anyone by word or deed. She was loved by everyone who knew her – but especially by her family, who adored her. She will be greatly missed, but she is probably making crochet scarves and shawls for all the other angels!

God Rest her Beautiful Soul in Peace.

CONDOLENCES

Dhunjisha Surti, age 85, of Toronto Canada, dearest brother of Dr. Nergesh Surti of San Diego, CA, and Dadi Surti of Karachi, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, of septic shock from severe urinary infection and terminal pneumonia. He was well known in the Parsi community for his many charitable endeavors. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Dolly Kerawalla, wife of late Homi Kerawalla, and devoted mother of Murzi & Navaz, adoring grandmother to Shirin, Cyrus, Darius, Daniel and Jasmine, and friend of many passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2013. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

BADAM-NI-BOIS FOR SALE

ZAKOI (Zoroastrian Association of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana) is selling delicious Badam-ni-machhi (boi) to collect funds for their proposed community center. This marzipan-like sweet is a big hit with the Parsis. Cost is \$18 for one Badam-ni-boi or \$30 for a pair.

Contact Vira Santoke vsantoke@verizon.net if you are interested. The bois will arrive in time for Navruz and you may collect them at the ZAC function on March 23 or from Vira's residence if you need them earlier. Alternately they can be directly mailed to your home by ZAKOI, at an extra charge. The organizers of this fundraiser greatly appreciate the support of other larger Zoroastrian Associations.

APPEAL FOR CHERAG DESAI

Mr. Soli M. Desai is the father of Cherag S. Desai, a 23 year old who met with a horrible accident on December 16, 2012 in Mumbai, India. Cherag has undergone 2 operations and the doctors will have to perform 4 more operations to save him. The pillion rider on Cherag's bike was killed on the spot. Cherag was trained as a priest at Dadar Parsi Madresa & his grandfather served at the Dadar Parsi Colony Agiyari for many years. Let us all show our compassion & true love towards our fellow young Zarthosti & his family. All of us who grew up in India in a poor / middle class families can relate to Cherag and his family.

Cherag is in ICU on a ventilator at Gandhi Memorial Hospital in New Mumbai (Navi Mumbai), where he has been operated upon for a blood clot in the brain, which is the main cause of his coma. Also, Cherag has suffered from multiple fractures to his leg.

Cherag's weekly hospital bill alone is between 1.5 lacs to 2 lacs rupees, (approximately \$2,000 USD)

Mr. Soli M. Desai home address & bank account information is as follows:

Mailing Address (MAKE SURE TO SEND ANY CHECKS / BANK DRAFTS VIA REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT to ensure delivery to the intended recipient)

Mr. Soli & Zarine Desai, Sripal Complex, B-5, Yamunaji, Virar West, Dist Thane - 401303, India

Electronic Transfer of Funds (Direct Deposits) can be sent to:

Mrs. Zarine Soli Desai

State Bank Of India

Sankalp Bldg, Aghasi Road,

Virar West., District Thane, Maharashtra, India

A/C No. 10882134355

Swift No. 400002116

IFS No. SBIN0004880.

If you wish to speak to Soli & Zarine, they can be reached at +91-99600-21017 or via email at solimdesai2011@hotmail.com

PRAYER ROOM UPDATE:

The afarganu with all the other required elements are ready to be shipped from Mumbai and should arrive in Los Angeles sometime in June or July. Where are we going to place it when it arrives? Fundraising is going on with different events being organized. Would you like to help get this done? Participate in events and volunteer for fundraisers. Have **YOU** sent in **YOUR** donation or pledge to ZAC?

This is YOUR Newsletter. *If you wish to "share" events in your life (Births, Deaths, Navjotes, Weddings, etc.) with the community via newsletter, please send an email to dtarapore@zacla.org.*

ONCE MORE we appeal to ALL members to try and cut our costs for printing and mailing newsletters. It will help immensely if you would receive your newsletter by email instead. It will be the same and you will get it FASTER. *We only received 23 (family) responses to previous requests.* In order to participate you **MUST opt-in for the newsletter by email by sending a message to tdamania@zacla.org with the subject line saying DO NOT MAIL NEWSLETTER.**

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.

IMMIGRATION LAW

FREE INITIAL CASE EVALUATION

- Family Based Petitions/ Visas
- H-1B specialty occupation visas
- L-1 intra-company transferee visas
- E-2 investor visas
- O-1 extraordinary ability; P visa for artist, athletes, and entertainers
- EB-5 immigrant investor based visas for Permanent Residency
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- Deportation and Removal Hearings

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2013 YOUTH SHOW

To All ZAC YOUTH

It is time we start planning for your next Youth show, the date for which has been tentatively fixed for 24th, Aug, 2013.

Kindly fill out the attached form and send it over to me just as soon as you possibly can so that we can schedule a time to meet and explore your talents.

Please remember that every year the bar for showcasing your talent keeps rising, so bring in your new and fresh ideas to have a better inter-active and more involved show this time.

As usual, I hope to see you all in good numbers as no show can be a success without your participation and involvement.

Kindly send in your form filled out or contact me before 1st, March, 2013.

In the meantime, please think of new and innovative ways in expressing your talent.

Please tell your parents that they are more than welcome to either participate in events or volunteer in any capacity for this show.

The noble thought behind this event is to bring you all under one roof and give you a good time while you showcase your talents and at the same time raise funds that you can access the following years for your choice of "events".

And yes..... age is no bar in participating on this day!

Await to hear from you.

Phiroze Gundevia.

Phiroze.gundevia@gmail.com

ZAC YOUTH SHOW AUG, 24TH, 2013

1. Participant's Name: _____
2. Indicate your Age Group:
Upto 8 years: 9 to 13 years: 14 to 17 year: 18 + years:
3. Suggested Categories to showcase Talent:
DANCE: SINGING: PLAYING MUSICAL INSTRUMENT(S): BAND:
SKIT: DRAMA: ELOCUTION: STAND UP COMEDY:
or ANY OTHER CATEGORY/TALENT:
4. Would you consider volunteering for the show?
If interested, please contact the undersigned.
5. Please return this Form or send an email expressing interest in participating in your next YOUTH SHOW latest by 1st, March, 2013
6. Contact information: Phiroze.gundevia@gmail.com
Home: 949 419 1096 Address: 23 PARK VISTA, IRVINE, CA 92604



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

2013 NAVROZE function

Saturday, March 23, 2013

at the ZAC Center in Orange

Jashan at 5:30 pm Main Event 7:00 pm

Members Adults: \$25

Non-Members: \$40

Children ages 5-10: \$15

Children under 5 FREE

NON-MEMBERS and Members after March 20th pay \$40

ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS

FAMILY NAME: _____ Phone Number _____

ADDRESS: _____

	Individual Names Mem./Non Mem.	Veg /Non Veg	Adult/Child/Senior	Amount Paid
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TOTAL PAID:

Please send in your payments before March 20th to:

The Treasurer – Rooky Fitter
Zoroastrian Association of California
1424 E. Walnut Avenue, CA 92867

or

Call Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or email mistryprochi@aol.com no later than March 20th.

Please inform Prochi if you will be bringing chasni items.

The Cyrus R. Fatakia Scholarship

We welcome students 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 vsantoke@verizon.net if you would like to apply for this scholarship.

Good Luck & God Bless!

Sincerely,
Rohinton, Erna & Darius Fatakia



Zoroastrian Association of California

Membership Form

January to December, 2013

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 _____

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL _____ MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ___ life ___ family ___ individual ___ senior

TITLE _____ FIRST _____ LAST _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL _____ MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ___ life ___ family ___ individual ___ senior

(If additional space is needed, please use another form)

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



WALK-A-THON 2013 FUNDRAISER AND DHANSAK PICNIC

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013 at 11:00 AM

**MASON PARK, (SHELTER #6)
18712 UNIVERSITY DR., IRVINE, CA 92612**

- 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

12:00 noon Walkathon starts

1:00 pm Picnic Lunch – Dhansak, Kavab
and Kachumber

followed by Dessert Competition & Games

Entry Fee \$15 ea. (min.) Children under 5 FREE

Get your Friends, Co-workers & Clients to sponsor you on the form.

(Please try and get as many friends as possible to attend this great outdoor activity and/or to sponsor you.)

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, Getting Sponsors and Prizes, etc.*

We also need sponsors for: WATER & PIZZA for the kids

Name of Walker: _____ Age: _____

	Sponsor's Name	Sponsor's Address	Flat Donation	Collected
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Please make tax-deductible checks payable to ZAC

(Zoroastrian Association of California Cal tax ID 95-3046709)

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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To

ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

Ladies Club: Sunday, February 24th, 2013

Navroze Function: Saturday, March 23, 2013 – Save the date

ZAC Walk-a-thon: Sunday, April 28, 2013

Jashan/AGM: Saturday June 1, 2013 – Save the date

Hollywood Bowl: Thursday, July 4, 2013 – Save the date