



Zoroastrian Association of California

July 2014

2013-2014 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

Sports Day: Sunday August 3, 2014

Our fifth ZAC Sports Day will be held at the ZAC Center from 11:00 am onwards. Please mark your calendar and show up in large numbers to have a fun filled day.

Events taking place will be Table Tennis, Carom, and a game of Rounder's. Also our team of volunteers will be selling lunch for \$15 and includes dhansak, chicken, cucumber, falooda and soft drink/water.

Please RSVP for lunch by July 29th – **NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE**. Sponsors are needed for prizes and food/pizza (for kids). Please contact Phiroze and Yasmin Gundevia @ 949-419-1096 or yasmingundevia@gmail.com

Please arrive at the Center by 11am even if you have registered before to participate in the event draws which will be held at that time. Late comers may not be accommodated.

Shenshai New Year/ Khordad Sal Function: Saturday, August 23

Let's all gather and celebrate our New Year/Khordad Sal together with family and friends at the ZAC Center in Orange, an evening of Entertainment, Food & Dancing. There will be a Jashan at 5:00 pm. Function begins at 7:00 pm and appetizers will be served. Dinner will be served at 8:00 pm followed by Entertainment. **See the attached form and please RSVP. No Later than August 20th.**

Event pricing is as follows – Members: \$30 Non-Members and everyone after August 20th: \$50

Children (5-10 yrs): \$15 Children under 5yrs FREE

Please RSVP to Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or e-mail mistryprochi@aol.com

This is a Pre-Paid Function. You MUST send in the completed form with your check by the due date or fill in the form online and pay with PAYPAL by the due date. Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS!!

PAST EVENTS

Ladies Club

Dogdo Arjani demonstrated to all present at the May 25 Ladies Club Meeting how to make Bakhras. All those who attended enjoyed the Potluck Lunch as well as the Bakhras. Thank you Dogdo for all your effort.

Jashan/AGM

Held on June 7th was well-attended by ZAC members. Over 145 members and non-members were present. Prior to the meeting a Jashan was performed followed by Tea & Chasni. The meeting started with our President Tehmi Damania asking all present to observe a 2 min. silence for the six members who passed away this year. This was followed by the Executive Committee Report. Rooky Fitter read the Treasurer's Report and informed all members that ZAC finances were in very good shape and that ZAC is doing financially well. Jimmy Colabavala and his firm

Khan CPA was once again approved by the members as the auditor for the next year. Sohrab Charna gave an update to the members regarding the plans and construction of the Prayer Hall. This was followed by an intense discussion on a resolution regarding the admittance of people in the Prayer Hall/Dadgah/ Atash Kadeh placed by Arda-E-Viraf Minocherhomjee but was tabled for want of the required notice period to the members. Khushroo Lakdawalla updated the members on the progress made for the upcoming Congress. This was followed by Perinne Medora informing the members about the subsidy that will be offered to the kids/youth attending the NAZC Congress by ZAC Executive Committee. She read out the qualifying criteria which are detailed below. In other business Tehmi read out a proposal by Zarrir Bhandara regarding Senior Care Program, arranging senior get-togethers every month or a senior day care center/senior home at the adjacent plot that ZAC has acquired He had requested the General Body to think about this.

The meeting was followed by a delicious dinner catered by Woodlands Indian Cuisine which everyone thoroughly enjoyed along with the desserts that quite a few members had kindly brought to share.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our VOLUNTEERS who are always willing to bring the Ravo, Malido, Fruits and Nuts. Thank you members who so kindly brought the desserts to share. The committee gratefully acknowledges the constant support given by Mitra Irani for all functions and Dilnavaz and Vistasp Shroff for helping with the food in the kitchen. Since it is not possible for the committee members to be able to help with the food at a general body meetings the support received from the community is greatly appreciated.

The committee would like to thank the Mobeds Zarrir Bhandara, Zerkxis Bhandara, Maneck Bhujwala, Jimmy Colabewala, Behram Deboo, and Arda-E-Viraf Minocherhomjee for performing the jashan.

If we have inadvertently forgotten to thank anyone we apologize for the omission. Please let us know so we can rectify it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Our ZAC Community

In the Navroze function on March 22, 2014 we asked for your help and announced that there was a matching donor for every dollar collected for the Atash Kadeh up to \$50,000 between now and the AGM in June.

*You surpassed our expectations with the fundraising. You proved to be the **greatest community in North America** by raising \$57,000. On the day of the AGM we received more checks so we could not announce the result. You are **OUTSTANDING!***

Subsidy for North American Zoroastrian Congress for ZAC Children and Young Adult Members

The ZAC Executive Committee has agreed that in honor of ZAC hosting NAZC 2014 a subsidy should be granted to young ZAC members.

The qualifying criteria

Age Limit: All children up to 25 years only.

Membership Requirement: Members of ZAC in good standing for 2012-2014.

50% of Early Bird Congress registration price shall be paid in any category to full time students only.

This subsidy does not extend to the Gala night or any other optional events.

A copy of the Registration receipt must be submitted to the ZAC Treasurer by close of Early Bird Registration.

Children under 12 must have at least one parent also registered for the Congress.

The attendees will receive their subsidy immediately after the congress closing ceremony.

Congratulations -- New Arrival

Congratulations to Godrej and Arnaz Khambatta on the birth of their son, Rohan, on July 16, 2014. We would also like to congratulate the proud Grandparents, Katy & Hoshang Khambatta, Great-Grandma, Villu Motishaw and Uncle Neville Khambatta. Best wishes on the new arrival!

Congratulations to our Grads

Benaz Colabewala daughter of Jimmy & Rukshana Colabewala, graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a Bachelors of Science degree in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. She will be attending University of California, Merced in the fall to pursue a PhD in Condensed Matter Experimental Physics.

Rayomand Gundevia, son of Yasmin & Phiroze Gundevia, graduated from UCI this summer with a Masters degree (M.S.) in Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering.

Shirley Limathwalla, daughter of Kali & Benaifer Limathwalla graduated from the University of California, Irvine. She will continue to further her education in order to pursue a career in healthcare.

Bezon Rustomi, son of Adil & Reshma Rustomi, graduated from Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton and will be going to UC Riverside to study Life Sciences.

Amy Shroff, daughter of Dinaz & Vispi Shroff, graduated in May from UCLA with a Masters in Public Health. She has a double major from UC Berkeley in Molecular Cell Biology and Classics. She is now pursuing her MBA at UCLA.

Arashasp Shroff, son of Dilnavaz & Vistasp Shroff, will be graduating on 24th July 2014 and getting his Bachelor's Degree in Culinary Arts Management from The Culinary Institute of America.

Eric Tarapore, son of Deelnavaz & Daraius Tarapore graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Developmental & Cell Biology from the School of Biological Sciences from UC Irvine. He was awarded certificate for the achievement of Excellence in Research and also the Robert Ernst Prize in Biological Sciences.

Karl Taraporewalla, son of Diana & Rohinton Taraporewalla, graduated with a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

We will be honoring all our High School & College Grads at our New Year /Khordad Sal Function. We do not wish to leave out anyone so please send in your grad's details ASAP to Deelnavaz Tarapore at dtarapore@hotmail.com

Change of Address

Nauzer & Aban Commissariat

Please see printed version of newsletter.

Montessori Course

The Sir Ratan Tata Institute has an International Teacher Training Course, under the auspices of the Association Montessori International (AMI), The Netherlands, which is open for graduates for one academic year August to April. This is a Diploma program which allows young person's to get jobs in USA. The cost for the course if taken in Mumbai would only be Rs 90,000, which in USA would cost \$7,000 or so for the same Diploma. Jobs are available in USA. Contact RTI 30 Patkar Marg, Mumbai. 7 or at www.montessori-mumbai.org

Indian Independence Day T-Shirts for Sale

Gayomard Wadia has designed Indian Independence Day T -shirts, which are available online. The T-shirts are for men and women, boys and girls, in 6 different styles, and in different colors and sizes. You can check them out on his website <http://bit.ly/indiashirts>



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

Shenshai New Year & Khordad Sal Function

Saturday, August 23, 2014

At the ZAC Center in Orange

Jashan at 5:00 pm

Main Event at 7:00 pm

Members Adults: \$30

Non-Members: \$50

Children ages 5-10: \$15

Children under 5: FREE

**NON-MEMBERS and Members after August 20th pay \$50
THIS IS A PREPAID FUNCTION - ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS**

FAMILY NAME: _____ Phone Number _____

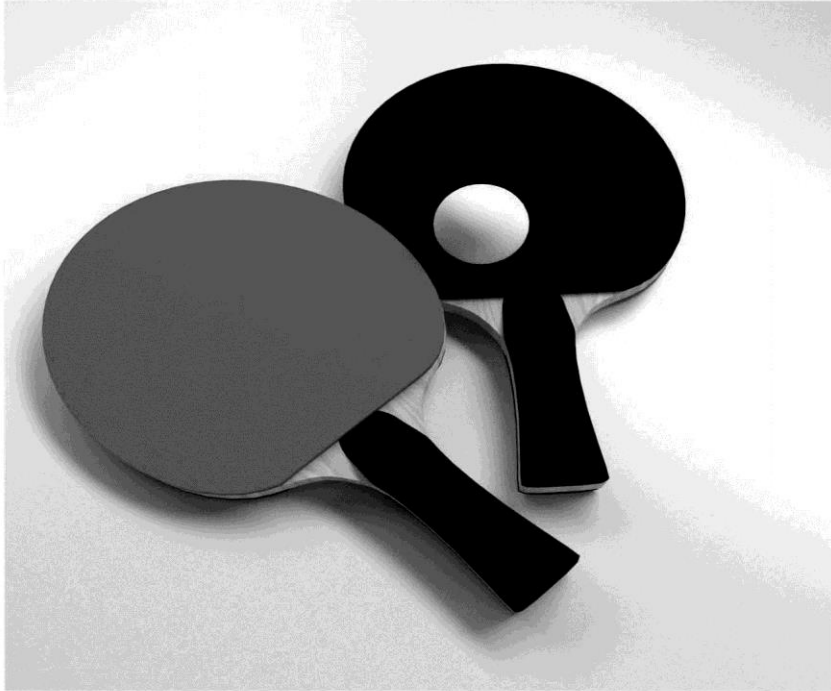
ADDRESS: _____

**Please enter EVERY Attendee's Name and Details in form below.
Incomplete forms will not be accepted. No exceptions.**

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TOTAL PAID: _____

Please send in your payments by August 18th to:
The Treasurer – Rooky Fitter
Zoroastrian Association of California
1424 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange, CA 92867
Call Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055
or email mistryprochi@aol.com before August 20th.



ZAC 5TH ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Kindly book this day and come down with family and friends to try your hand at Table Tennis, Carrom & a game of Rounders.

Lunch will be sold for \$15 and includes dhansak, chicken, cachumbar and a soft-drink/water. Please RSVP for lunch by July 29th.

We need sponsor and volunteers to make this event successful. We also need sponsors for pizzas (for the kids), water and prizes for the events. All proceeds collected at this event will go towards the ZAC Maintenance fund.

RSVP for Sponsoring the event or Volunteering for this event please contact Phiroze and Yasmin Gundevia: @ 949-419-1096 or yasingundevia@gmail.com

**Sunday, August 3rd
2014**

**Registration
Starts @ 11:00AM**

**Games Start
@ 11:30AM SHARP**

Lunch @ 1:00PM

**RSVP for Lunch
(\$15) by July 29th**

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ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

All functions are at the ZAC Center, Orange, CA

ZAC Sports Day: Sunday, August 3, 2014

GRAD NIGHT: Saturday, August 16, 2014

Shehenshai New Year/Khordad Sal: Saturday, August 23, 2014

Halloween: Saturday, October 26, 2014

Jashan/GBM: Sunday, November 16, 2014