



Zoroastrian Association of California July 2015

2014-2015 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

Shehenshai New Year/ Khordad Sal Function: Sunday, August 23

Let us join together with family and friends to celebrate the Shehenshai New Year and Khordad Sal on Sunday, August 23, 2015. Jashan will begin at 11:00 am sharp. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The rest of the program will start after lunch. Silloo Mehta's presentation by the young ones will be the highlight of the afternoon. Tea will be served at 4:00 pm followed by Bingo, Card games, Bridge, etc.

See the attached form and please RSVP, No Later than August 18th

Event pricing is as follows – Members - \$25

Non-Members and everyone after August 18th irrespective of age- \$50

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

If anyone needs assistance to pay for the function or correspondingly wishes to sponsor a fellow member, please contact Tehmi at 949-583-9973 before August 18.

This is a Pre-Paid Function. You MUST send in the completed form with your check or fill in the form online and pay with PAYPAL by August 18th.

Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Pitishahem Ghambhar: Sunday, September 13

This Ghambhar has been sponsored by Adil and Reshma Rustomi in memory of our late Nariman Sorabji Rustomi.

Jashan will begin at 11:00 am followed by lunch. **RSVP** is a **MUST** for the Ghambhar as the sponsor needs a head count for the preparation of the food.

Please RSVP to Reshma Rustomi at 714-381-7803 or arustomi@yahoo.com by September 9th.

PAST EVENTS

Ladies Club- June 14

The Ladies Club held a cooking demonstration on Sunday June 14, 2015 at the ZAC Center in Orange featuring Dogdo's famous vegetable cutlets and Zarrir's much loved lagan nu stew. The participants were able to watch and sample two delicious vegetarian dishes. Many thanks to our Master Chefs, Dogdo Arjani and Zarrir Bhandara for sharing their recipes.

Thank you Dogdo Arjani and Sherry Treasurywala for arranging the cooking demonstration.

Annual General Body Meeting

The AGM held on June 27 was attended by around 110 members. The meeting started with a report from our President, Tehmi Damania. She was very happy to report to the General Body that the state of the Association is very good and stable. This is largely due to ZAC hosting the NAZC which proved to be quite profitable. This was followed by a report from the Treasurer, Rooky Fitter who informed the General Body of the ZAC finances from Jan till June 2015. Ruzbeh Daruwalla then updated the members regarding the endowment fund that had been set up with Fidelity Investments.

There were two main items on the agenda that had to be dealt with. One was the appointment of an Independent Accountant for the year 2014 as the accounts compiled by the present accountant Jimmy Colabavala were not received in a timely manner as acceptable as per the ZAC constitution. Nauzer Commissariat was then appointed by the General Body as the Independent Accountant for the year 2014 to complete the accounts. In the November GBM the members will select the accountant for the year 2015.

Phiroz Tarapore was approved by the members as the Election Officer for the November elections.

Rooky Fitter and Tehmi Damania also informed the General Body about a list of things needed to be done at our center. The committee will start getting quotes for the various projects and larger projects will need the approval of funds as required.

In other Business, Maneck Bhujwala informed the members regarding the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions from 80 nations and 50 faiths this October 15 - 19 in Salt Lake, Utah. Phiroze Gundevia talked regarding the rental rates of our center being on the high side and asked the Executive Committee to review and revise the current rates for member benefits. His queries were aptly answered by Tehmi and Perinne. Lastly, Dinaz Vispi Shroff wanted to thank the members of the Executive Committee and their spouses for all their hard work and for volunteering to work for ZAC and doing an excellent job.

The meeting was followed by dinner made by Persis Choksy, Tehmi Damania, Rooky Fitter, Perinne Medora and Prochi Mistry. The Vegetarian Menu was catered from Surti Farsan. The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A BIG THANK YOU also to all our volunteers for helping the committee during and after the event. Since it is not possible for the committee members to help with the food at a general body dinner. The support received from the community is greatly appreciated.

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

Maidhyoshem Ghambhar

The ghambhar was arranged by the Vaghaiwalla Family in memory of our dear Burjorji Vaghaiwalla on July 3, 2015 at the ZAC Center. It was attended by 130 people. After the jashan dinner was served by the caterers, Jai Bharat. The vegetarian food was enjoyed by all. We gratefully acknowledge the Vaghaiwalla, Mody and Godrej families for hosting the ghambhar dinner. It was also a treat for many of us to see Alamai at the ZAC Center.

Ladies Club – July 12

The Ladies Club welcomed the *Music Mobile*, a Philharmonic Society program, to the ZAC Center in Orange on Sunday, July 12. Vira Santoke gave a wonderful hands on presentation to introduce children and adults to the different sounds of the orchestra. Many children and adults participated by playing an instrument and everyone had an opportunity to try out several musical instruments. It was a wonderful educational opportunity and we thank Vira for her hard work in making this a memorable afternoon. Thank you Dogdo Arjani and Sherry Treasurywala for arranging the presentation.

ZAC Sports Day

We had an awesome response to our 6th Annual Sports Day. Around 70 adults and children had a great fun-filled day at the ZAC Center on July 19th. The participants lined up for the table tennis and carom matches, and all greatly enjoyed the finale of rounders! The delicious menu of Lamb biryani, dal,

paneer tikka masala and ice cream was enjoyed by all. At tea time we all enjoyed a delicious cup of tea, along with crackers and cookies.

The winners of the games are as under:

Table Tennis

1st: Rohinton Fatakia 2nd: Zubin Taraporewala

Carrom

1st: Ron Merchant 2nd: Behruz Rustomi

Rounders

1st: Cyrus Mistry 2nd: Ruzbeh Daruwalla

Everyone had a great time participating in the games and the delicious lunch all arranged by Phiroze and Yasmin Gundevia and ably supported by Mehernosh and Rayomand. A big Thank you to the Gundevia Family for their efforts and flawless execution of the entire event. We would also like to thank all the other volunteers who helped that day to make the event a great success. We would also like to acknowledge the young parents who are actively helping out at every event. If we have inadvertently missed mentioning anyone please accept our sincere apology and do let us know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADS!

Sanaya Kateli, daughter of Meherenghiz & Hanoz Kateli, graduated from Monrovia High School in the top 3 of her class of 417 students with a GPA of 4.87. She was Senior Class Vice President and graduated with the California Seal of Bi-literacy in French. She also graduated with Latin Honors and was a member of The National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and The Monrovia Math and Science Academy. She will be attending UCLA this fall, studying Political Science and Film Media and TV.

Tasha Mistri, daughter of Afshad & Meher Mistri and granddaughter of Jal & Soonu Birdy, graduated from Chapman University in Orange with a B.S. in Business Administration (Marketing Emphasis) and a minor in Spanish.

Cyrus Pochara, son of Binaifer & Rohinton Dholoo, graduated in June with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and a minor in materials science & engineering.

Yasmeen Shroff, daughter of Vispi and Rhoda Shroff, recently graduated from Shepherd University, with a B.S. in Nursing.

Jehan Taraporewalla, son of Merzi & Rukhshana Taraporewalla, graduated last month from UCLA, with a major in Economics. He is moving to Northern California where he has a job as a Finance Executive.

Congratulations to all our grads and best wishes for every success in the future.

Change of Address

Arzan, Delnaz, & Kyan Lali
18510 Caminito Pasadero
San Diego, CA 92128

Banu, Kaizad and Cyrus Anklesaria
1620 W. Benbow Street,
San Dimas, CA 91773

Congratulations to Dame Zarine Kharas

We are proud to announce that, *JustGiving* co-founder and chief executive, Zarine Kharas, formerly of Karachi, has been recognized in the Queen's birthday honors list for her contribution to business and charity in the United Kingdom. She has been made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to business and charity. She co-founded the online giving platform in 2001 with Anne-Marie Huby with the aim of making charitable giving easier and more effective through the power of digital technology. Since 2001 the site has been used to raise and donate over £2 billion for good causes.

Matrimonial Website

There is a new Matrimonial website serving all Zoroastrians. Worth checking out if you are interested in finding that someone special in your life. You never know when cupid strikes!

<http://www.zoroastrianmatrimony.com/contact-us.php>

Suggestions, Ideas, News - Welcome

Remember this is your newsletter. Please let us know if you have something in your life that you would like to share with the community. We would also welcome any suggestions and feedback on the events at ZAC.

Some of our members are forthcoming with their comments after an event and we make adjustments accordingly.

Condolences

Kaikobad 'Ken' Edul Bankwala, father of Ferhiz Sidhwa, father-in-law of Farhad Godrej Sidhwa and grandfather of Anahita and Kayan Sidhwa, passed away in Karachi, on June 22, 2015, Mah: Bahman, Roj: Adar. At the age of 18, Ken decided to enlist in the British Indian Army. Ken continued his military career and retired in 1952 as a Major and Senior Commander. Ken was a true gentleman – one of a kind. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. May he rest in peace. Amen. Our sincere condolences to Ferhiz, Farhad, Anahita & Kayan for their loss.

Hilla Dara Deboo passed away on June 29 in Irvine, California. Our heartfelt condolences to her husband Dara; daughter Zarin Karanjia; sons Hoshi, Manchi and Arturo; daughter-in-law Sunny Deboo; son-in-law Neriosang Karanjia; grandsons Mehrab Deboo and Zarvan Karanjia; granddaughters Sherry Deboo and Kureshaan Roman; great grandsons Camran Deboo and Zarius & Joshua Karanjia; great granddaughter Ariana Deboo and Olivia Karanjia. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Our sincere condolences to the entire family.

Gool Rustom Savaksha, mother of Sheila Madon, mother in law of Sharook, grandmother of Alysha, Rohan and Ria, passed away after a long struggle with cancer on July 2nd (Rashna Roj). She will always be remembered as a kind, gentle, sweet natured mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Our sincere condolences to Sheila, Sharook, Alysha, Rohan and Ria for their loss.

Minochere (Minoo) Burjorji Kharas, father of Prochi Mistry & Spenta Mavalvala; father-in-law of Jamshed Mistry and Rustom Mavalvala; and grandfather of Cheyenne Mistry & Nerissa & Zeritta Mavalvala passed away in Karachi on July 13, 2015. Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Faram Godrej Irani, husband of late Golkhandan Yazdegardian, father of Sohrab, Dolly, Rustom, Darayas, Roshan and Kashmira passed away on July 17 in San Diego. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

Shehenshai New Year & Khordad Sal Function

Sunday, August 23, 2015

at the ZAC Center in Orange

Jashan at 11:00 am

Main Event 1:00 pm

Members Adults: \$25

Non-Members: \$50

Children ages 5-10: \$15

Children under 5: FREE

NON-MEMBERS and Members after August 18th pay \$50

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.**

	Individual Names Mem. /Non Mem.	Veg /Non Veg	CHILD Under 5 or 5-10 / ADULT	Amount Paid
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	Use Additional Form For More Names			

TOTAL PAID: _____

Please send in your form and payment by August 18th.

By Mail to: The Treasurer – Rooky Fitter
Zoroastrian Association of California
1424 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange, CA 92867

OR

By using the event form ONLINE at www.zacla.org



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ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

*All functions at the ZAC Center in Orange unless marked**

Shehenshai New Year/Khordad Sal Function: Sunday, August 23

Farvardin mahino Farvardin roj Parabh: Saturday, September 5

Pitishahem Ghambhar: Sunday, September 13

Ayathrem Ghambhar: Friday, October 16

Halloween: Saturday, October 31

General Body Meeting: Saturday, November 21

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