



# Zoroastrian Association of California

## June 2015

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### 2014-2015 Executive Committee

President – Tehmi Damania

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Joint Secretaries – Parvez Erani and Deelnavaz Tarapore

Program Chair – Prochi Mistry

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ladies Club – Sunday, June 14

The Ladies Club on Sunday June 14, 2015 at the ZAC Center in Orange will be a hands on demonstration of Dogdo's famous vegetable cutlets and Zarrir's much loved lagan nu stew! We will have fun learning from our master chefs, working together to help them and of course, tasting the end results! Please bring a dish to share for potluck lunch starting at 1:30 pm. The demonstration will begin at 2:15 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Annual General Body Meeting on Saturday, June 27

The date given in the previous newsletter was Father's Day so a blast was sent to inform members of the new date **SATURDAY, JUNE 27 at 4:00 pm**. Tea and light refreshments will be served before the meeting and dinner will be served after the meeting at around 7:30 or 8:00 pm.

Meeting will start at 4:00 pm to check for quorum. The agenda will include the Approval of the minutes of November 2014 GBM, the Executive Committee report, Treasurer's report, Presentation of ZAC Financial Statement for 2014, Appointment of independent accountant for 2015 FS, Appointment of Election Officer, Report on ZAC Center projects including the Atash Kadeh and approval of expenses and finally any other business. Attached are the unaudited Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities.

**If any member has anything relevant to bring up for discussion please send a request in writing to Tehmi Damania, [tdamania@zacla.org](mailto:tdamania@zacla.org) by June 20, so it may be added to other business.** Items brought up from the floor will only be allowed 3 minutes per member.

Annual General Body Meeting is for **members ONLY** so please inform us if you have a guest attending.

***RSVP is a MUST and the suggested donation is \$10 per adult. Children under 5 are free.***

***Please RSVP to Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or [mistryprochi@aol.com](mailto:mistryprochi@aol.com) by June 24th. Walk-ins and after June 24<sup>th</sup> calls/emails will pay \$15 regardless of age.***

### Maidhyoshem Gahambar: Friday, July 3

***This Gahambhar has been sponsored by Alamai and the Vaghaiwalla children in honor of our dear late Burjorji Vaghaiwalla.***

The Jashan will begin at 6:00 pm followed by dinner.

**RSVP is a MUST** for the Gahambar as we need a head count for the preparation of the food.

**The sponsor has requested the RSVP by June 19 to arrange for the dinner.**

**Please RSVP to Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or [mistryprochi@aol.com](mailto:mistryprochi@aol.com)**

## **Annual ZAC Sports Day: Sunday, July 19**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> ZAC Sports Day will be held at the ZAC Center. Registration Starts at 10:00 am, Games start at 11:30 am, Lunch at 12:30 pm. Lunch cost is \$15 per person. See attached flyer for details.

**RSVP for the lunch by July 14, 2015. Contact Phiroze or Yasmin Gundevia: @ 949-419-1096 or yasmingundevia@gmail.com**

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

Let us join together with family and friends to celebrate the Shenshai New Year and Khordad Sal. Look out for more details in a blast soon.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **Ladies Club**

The Ladies Club met on Sunday April 12, 2015 at the ZAC Center in Orange for an informative talk on Strokes. Dr. Khurshed Dastur gave a presentation on the incidence and diagnosis of strokes. He explained what happens in the body and brain and answered many questions from the audience. Many thanks to Dr. Dastur for enlightening the community. As always, there was a delicious pot luck lunch that was enjoyed by all. The Ladies Club meets nearly every month on a Sunday afternoon. Dogdo Arjani has created a wonderful forum for the community. Everyone - ladies, gentlemen and children are invited to join us.

Thank you Dogdo Arjani and Sherri Treasurywala for arranging the presentation.

### **Maidhyozarem Gahambar**

The first Gahambar at the ZAC Center on Saturday, May 2, 2015 was celebrated in a true Community spirit and enjoyed by all who attended!

The gahambar was spearheaded by Mobed Zarrir Bhandara who was ably supported by the young parents of the childrens' religious class. About 150 members of the community attended the Jashan followed by dinner. The jashan ceremony was performed by our 2 Mobeds Zarrir and Zerkxis Bhandara, together with 5 Mobedyars Maneck Bhujwala, Jimmy and Eric Colabewala, Behram Deboo, and Vistasp Shroff.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who stepped up to make the evening a success! Thank you to all who brought Fruits, Nuts, Malido and Ravo for the chasni; and those who contributed to the dinner items of Rice, Dal, Stew, Chapattis, Kachumbar and Dessert.

We also appreciate all the helpers who came forward to help before, during and after the event. THANK YOU ALL.

### **NAZC Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

On May 9th, ZAC hosted a dinner for the volunteers who helped make the NAZC-2014 a great success. About 120 volunteers and family members attended. Khushroo Lakdawalla addressed the invitees and once again thanked them for their strong support and unselfish volunteering for the success of the Congress. He then invited the volunteers present to come forward and receive a token of appreciation for their work. The function started with a social hour with delicious appetizers and drinks for all. Ardeshir Baghkhaniyan who had taken some video of the Congress' entertainment sessions shared the happy moments with all present and revived pleasant memories for many. The Barbeque Dinner catered by Stone Fire Grill was enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was dancing to the music of none other than our very own DJ Julius, which brought almost everyone to the dance floor till late into the night.

## **ZAC Dhansak Picnic & Games in the Park**

We had an awesome response to our Picnic & games in the park. Around 125 adults and children had a great fun-filled day at the William Mason Park in Irvine on May 17. Katy Khambatta once again with the help of Prochi Mistry and their team of volunteers did an excellent job of organizing the event.

Thank you members for stepping up to the plate and chipping in to cook.

**Food Volunteers – Kachumber:** Rukshana Cowasjee, Mitra Irani, Ruzbeh Daruwalla

**Rice:** Aban Commissariat, Najoo Panthaky, Huty Contractor, Chisti Dadachanji, Hilla Munshi

**Dal:** Dilzeen Engineer, Yasmin Gundevia, Katy Khambatta, Prochi Mistry, Sanober Raghina

**Pizza for the kids:** Shirin and Dinyar Irani.

**Dessert:** Xerxes Commissariat: Mango Ice cream and volunteered to get water bottles, made lemonade and water coolers for that event.

**Food Helpers** – Xerxes Commissariat, Chisti Dadachanji, Gulu & Khushru Dubash, Mitra & Noshir Irani and Parvez Erani.

We also enjoyed delicious Samosas, Chicken kebabs and Gulab Jamun from Noorani, which was a great touch to compliment the delicious Dhansak.

Once again, the outstanding Xerxes Commissariat came through for us. He put in his extra effort and organizational skills to plan and arrange all the games, for the children of all ages and the adults. The sack race, three legged race, water balloon toss and the tug-of-war was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Oh yes! The Bouncy House was a great fun too for the wee ones.

**The committee would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, hard work and dedication which made this event a BIG success. We would particularly like to acknowledge the young parents who are also actively helping out at every event. If we have inadvertently missed mentioning anyone please accept our sincere apology and do let us know.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Attention All Grads and Grad Families!**

We will be honoring all our young high school and college grads. We do not wish to leave out anyone so please send in your grad's details to Deelnavaz Tarapore at 909-606-0017 or [dtarapore@hotmail.com](mailto:dtarapore@hotmail.com).

### **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>

**Good Luck!**

### **New Arrivals to Southern California**

The Khosravis are new arrivals in our Southern California Z community. They are Farhad, Fariba and their daughter Farzeen who is 24 years old. Farzeen moved here earlier when she started working. Farhad is winding up in New York before he joins Fariba who is employed as a Private Mortgage Banker with Wells Fargo. Let's give them a warm welcome to our community.

### **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. If don't like something about an event, share it. If you like something, share that too. We have some members who always contribute with comments after an event and we make adjustments accordingly. So if you want to be heard or make a change then let us know.

## **EMERGENCY Assistance Plan**

Since our community is so spread out, it has been suggested by members that we should have volunteers to call upon who are willing to assist members in an emergency or crisis situation and act as liaison and support for the family. We are currently in the process of starting a list in different areas so please let us know if you would like to assist members in your area or neighborhood. We have quite a few volunteers who have stepped forward in Orange County. So far we have 1 member in San Bernardino. We would like volunteers from San Diego, Riverside, and many parts of Los Angeles County where there are large numbers of our community. A meeting will be held once a team is ready to be formed. **If you have any questions or suggestions please contact: Tehmi 949-583-9973 or Deelnavaz 909-606-0017.**

*We would also love to receive pictures from you taken at ZAC events during the year. If you have any pictures taken at the Congress, Navroze function, the Cricket BBQ, NAZC volunteer appreciation dinner, or ZAC picnic please send them to Tehmi at [tehmid@hotmail.com](mailto:tehmid@hotmail.com)*

## **CONDOLENCES**

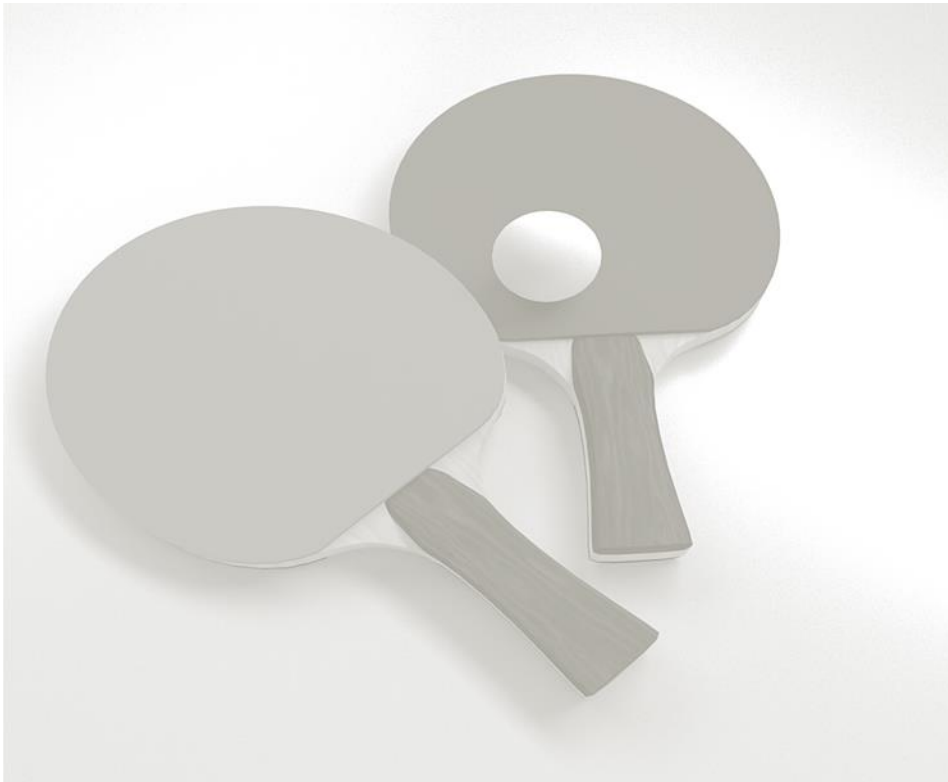
**Dhun Dinyar Mohta**, wife of Dinyar S. Mohta, mother of Persis Choksy, mother-in-law of Mehernosh Choksy and grandmother of Farhad Choksy passed away in Mumbai, India on May 25, 2015. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Our love, prayers and condolences are extended to the family to help them bear this untimely loss. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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### **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

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# ZAC 6<sup>TH</sup> 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”.

Please RSVP for lunch by July 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost per member for lunch is \$15. Lunch menu will be posted closer to the event.

To RSVP for the lunch (deadline – July 14<sup>th</sup>), please contact Phiroze or Yasmin Gundevia: @ 949-419-1096 or [yasmingundevia@gmail.com](mailto:yasmingundevia@gmail.com)

**Sunday, July 19th, 2015**

**Registration Starts @  
10:00AM**

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

**Lunch @ 12:30PM**

**RSVP for lunch by July  
14th**

## **ZAC Center**

1424 East Walnut Avenue  
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## **ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance**

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

**Ladies Club Meeting: Sunday, June 14 at 1:30pm**

**ZAC Annual General Meeting: Sunday, June 27 at 4:00pm**

**Gahambar: Friday, July 3 at 6:00 pm**

**ZAC Sports Day: Sunday, July 19 @ 10:00 am onwards**

**Khordad Sal Celebration: Sunday, August 23**