

Zoroastrian Association of California

May 2011

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

REIKI: Sunday May 27, 2012 at 2:00 pm

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.

MOVIE-NITE @ ZAC: Saturday, June 9th @ 6:30 pm

Movie is **READY** & we will be serving "Chicken Curry Rice" before the movie.

Hope to see our members in good numbers for the show. Please mark your calendar.

DINNER: Between 6-30 pm - 7-15 pm

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

CHARGE: \$10/members before 06-07-12, after which the cost is \$12/each members.

JASHAN/GAHAMBAR and AGM: Saturday, June 16, 2012 @ 4:00pm

As the AGM will follow the Jashan and there is a lot of business to cover, we would like to keep the flow moving smoothly. 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@zacla.org). Items brought up from the floor will only be allowed 3 minutes per member. **Please see the attached Financial Statements for ZAC and if you have any questions or need any clarification please address them in to the Executive Committee at committee@zacla.org in advance so we can answer them.**

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.

RSVP by June 13: Deelnavaz Tarapore (909)-606-0017 if you will be attending.

LADIES CLUB: Sunday July 1, 2012 at 1:00 pm More information to follow.

Sports Day: Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 11:00 am onwards.

Our third ZAC Sports Day is scheduled to be held on July 14th, 2012 from 11:00 am onwards with food available for sale.

As usual there will be an open Singles Tournament in Table Tennis & Carom, followed by very popular game of "ROUNDERS".

Volunteers & Prize Donors are needed to supply snacks/food/prizes for the Tournament.

Please contact Phiroze Gundevia @ 949-419-1096 should you wish to Volunteer for food/snacks or donate Prizes for the event.

All, especially our YOUTH are encouraged to join in and have an enjoyable day at ZAC.

Please mark your calendar. More details to follow for this fun filled day.

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

MOVIE NIGHT: Last movie night held on Saturday, April 14th was as enjoyable as the previous ones. ZAC members enjoyed a sumptuous DHAN SAK followed by a beautiful movie LAGAAN. It was nice to see some of our members came all the way from Glendale & San Diego. A big **THANK YOU to the Gundevias** for organizing this event and to all who regularly show up and support this ZAC event.

WALK-A-THON:

WALK WITH YOUR FEET.....OPEN YOUR HEART.....DONATE WITH LOVE
Was the mantra at the April 29, 2012 ZAC Walk-a-thon.

A fun filled afternoon with 130 members who opened their hearts and collected \$9140
The task of getting sponsors was taken seriously by 4 year old Shayaan Gandhi, who collected \$2182.00 and Katy Khambatta who collected \$3133.00.

Prize for the walker with the most rounds went to Arash Erani

Prize for the fastest walker in the first round went to Zane Commissariat.

Dhansak in Mason Park was enjoyed by all thanks to the following chefs-

Kachumber: Nina Eduljee, Mitra Irani, Benaifer Limath, Lily Mistry

Dal: Mahnaz Erani, Katy Khambatta, Sanober Raghina, Vira Santoke, Ferhiz Sidhwa

Rice: Chisty Dadachanji, Shireen Irani, Hilla Machhi, Najoo Panthaky

Kababs: Katy Khambatta, Prochi Mistry and Dinaz Shroff

Dessert competition followed with winners Dinaz Shroff and Deelnavaz Tarapore. Also a big thank you to all who brought dessert.

Thanks to the kids pizza sponsors Aban and Hosi Kapadia

Food sponsors: Houtoxi and Farhad Contractor and Shireen and Dinyar Irani

Water sponsors: Khurshid and Farhad Jamadar and Rhoda and Noshir Lakdawalla

Prize donations collected by Tehmi Damania, Aban Kapadia and Vira Santoke

Kudos to the serving, warming and tea crew who did an excellent job to keep everyone well fed. The Team members were Ruzbeh Daruwalla, Gulu and Khushru Dubash, Nargesh Irani, Hanoz Kateli, Darayus Mistry and others.

Thank you Lily Mistry for organizing children's games, and a host of volunteers who helped behind the scenes with registration, lap-overseeing and final clean-up.

Sponsorship is the key to the walk-a-thon being successful and with that in mind, we move ahead and plan for next year.

The committee would like to thank the walk-a-thon organizers, Chisty Dadachanji, Katy Khambatta and Prochi Mistry for their hard work and dedication which made this event a success. Finally, thanks to a wonderful community who always comes together whenever there is a great cause and makes the outcome simply SENSATIONAL!

KARAOKE NIGHT:

The Karaoke Night fundraiser for the 2014 Congress was enjoyed by all. About 85 members and non-members attended the event on Mother's Day – Sunday May 13th 2012. A great evening was spent with delicious food prepared by the volunteers of our community and of course both young and old appreciated the music and songs sung by Nauzad, Farida and other guests. A big **Thank You** to Nauzad Sadry and Zubin Chichgar for their professional support and all the volunteers who helped out.

LADIESCLUB: held on May 20, was well attended by both men and women who benefitted and participated in the Karate demonstration in self-defense. Many thanks to Zarrir Bhandara for the demonstration.

Cowas (Kali) Patel Memorial Meeting was held on May 20 at 4:00 pm following the Ladies Club. This was a "first" for ZAC and there was a good response to the email blast from the members. About 14-15 people spoke in reminiscence of their own experiences with Kali. The committee would like to thank the attendees for their overwhelming support and the food they brought voluntarily.

Announcements

Matrimonial:

Zoroastrian boy in his forties looking for a Zoroastrian girl in her thirties. US citizen, Master's degree from US University, Lead job position. Active member in southern CA Zoroastrian community, helping from computers to kitchen. **Please call Firouz at 949-672-9731 and/or email at ffirouz@yahoo.com**

Calling Tree: Important Information -- Please Read

Due to feedback from the community, the ZAC Executive Committee is in the process of phasing out the number of calls being made by the Calling Tree. Instead of a call to you, where you in turn have to make 5 calls to inform the next people in the list, you will now just receive an email blast. We will still keep a short list of calls to be made for members who do not have email access or those who specifically request us to continue the calls. If you have email at present but do not receive the e-mail blasts, please send in your email to tdamania@zacla.org. If any member does not have an e-mail account/address, or absolutely prefers to be informed by phone, please inform Tehmi Damania at 949-583-9973. The Calling Tree was being used for bereavement only but email blasts give you ALL the information immediately without having to make a single call yourself.

FEZANA ELECTIONS: The elections for the FEZANA Board are being held this year and member associations have been requested to send in their votes. The only contested seat is for the President. There are two candidates, **Katayun Kapadia** and **Homi Gandhi**. A ballot will be handed out to members at our AGM on June 16 so that our members have the opportunity to vote. Due to lack of space in the newsletter the bio-data and manifesto of the candidates is available at www.zacla.org to help you make a decision and cast your vote. Those who do not have internet may call Deelnavaz Tarapore at 909-606-0017 for a hard copy of the bio-data if they wish to have one. We will collect the ballots during the AGM and ZAC will vote according to the members' wishes.

An Inspiring Story by Zarrir Bhandara

I would like to share a true story which took place in the year 2012, Sunday April 1st, (No, it is not April fool) at the ZAC hall in Orange, CA, USA.

Normally, I give positive reinforcements to small kids with some kind of Zoroastrian artifacts or with something with a logo of their favorite character/ **SUPER HERO** and before I do so, I ask them who their SUPER HERO is.

On Sunday April 1st, before we started the Hum-Bundagi, 5 year young **Zane Xerxes Commissariat**, who attends and participates in the Hum- Bundagi along with his father Xerxes Commissariat and occasionally with his mother Diana Commissariat on a regular basis, greets me like always in **Gujarati** (He fluently speaks Gujarati).

At this juncture, I felt in my heart to reward him with something that he would be interested in for his dedication and participation in the religious and spiritual activities, (He is also a student of our Avesta class) hence I asked him in Gujarati

"Zane taro **SUPER HERO** kon chey, who is your favorite character".

To my amazement he answered, "Mahro **SUPER HERO Zarathustra chey**" I couldn't believe what I just heard, as normally children of Zane's age would say Superman, Spiderman, Batman or Avatar, Dora etc, so I had to ask him again and he mentioned "Mahro **SUPER HERO Zarathustra chey**" and his father Xerxes confirmed the same.

Isn't this amazing coming from a 5 year young child!

Yes Zane, I totally agree with you, Zarathustra was indeed a true, real life "**SUPER HERO**", He enlightened the world, with the ideas unheard in his times like innate- super rational wisdom, knowledge-the importance of mental faculty, righteousness, order, moral conviction, love, perfection and immortality. the idea of heaven and hell, the importance of ethics in our daily lives, the equality of men and women, looking after our environment, by keeping it free of pollution and be kind to animals.

He influenced the major religions of this world and he did all this at the beginning of the human history in Bronze Age.

Yes, I salute the greatest of Super Heroes ever ZARATHUSTRA.

THANK YOU ZANE FOR GIVING US THIS LESSON ON SUPER HERO

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 16, 2012

			Minutes
1. Call to Order	Tehmi Damania		5
2. Approval of Minutes GBM of Nov. 2011	Deelnavaz Tarapore		10
3. Executive Committee Report	Tehmi Damania		10
4. Treasurer's Report	Rooky Fitter		10
5. Appointment of Auditor for 2013	Tehmi Damania		5
6. Land Purchase Proposal	Tehemtan Arjani		10
7. Prayer Room Update	Tehmi Damania		10
8. Other Business	General Body		30
9. Meeting Adjourned			

Please Help

As many of you know, Cowas and Perviz Patel were trying to sell their properties in Lake Arrowhead and Mexico. If you or any of your friends are interested, please contact Perviz right away at 626-858-7285. Due to prevailing circumstances it is a matter of urgency that these properties are sold immediately and because of this both parcels are heavily discounted. Please help out a fellow Zarthosti by spreading the word among your friends and acquaintances and let us pray for a miracle.

A Steal at \$30,000

Lake Arrowhead information -

Property Address: Located On Emerald Drive, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

Vacant Lot 89 of Tract 2542 Arrowhead Woods Tract No 77, in the County of San Bernardino, State Of California, as per map recorded in Book 36, of Maps, page(s) 41 to 44 inclusive, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Lot Size: 7,200 to 10,499 SQ. FEET

Title Holder: Cowas G. Patel and Perviz C. Patel

Purchase Date: December 20, 2004

Purchase Price: \$95,000

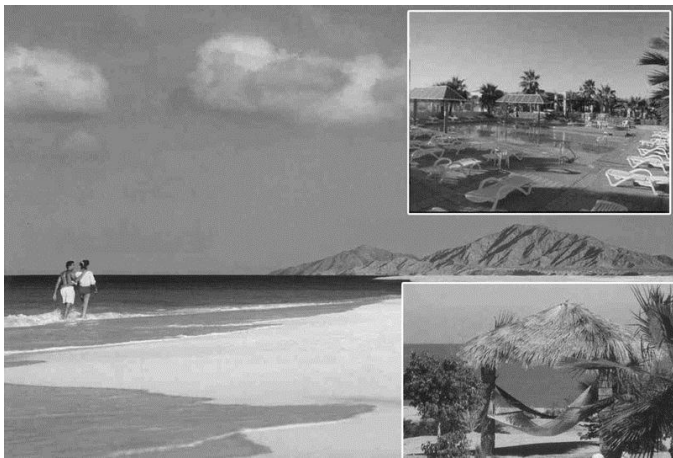
Baja Mexico going for a song!

The property in Mexico is situated in **El Dorado Ranch**, Baja's premier seaside resort community. The resort boasts a championship golf course, beautiful beach and tennis club, gorgeous water and sunset views from every home-site (1/4+/- acre) sandy beaches and mountain views. The El Dorado Ranch resort is just 6 miles south of San Felipe and it is only 4 hours from San Diego or Palm Springs and 6 Hours from Los Angeles.

Can Foreigners own Real Estate in the most Desirable Areas of Mexico? ABSOLUTELY.

You can own property in the Mexican coast and border areas by what is called a Fidelcomsco (Real Estate Bank and Trust). At El Dorado Ranch, Baja California, Mexico you also have the added protection of title insurance from Stewart Title. More information and documentation is available upon request.

This could be a great income opportunity for an investor whose cash isn't doing well in the bank!



Melbourne Cheese for Sale

Perviz also has a number of cases of Melbourne cheese which they were selling at \$70.00 / case. Each case has 36 cans and each can is 7.5oz in weight. Please tell your friends and friendly neighborhood grocer about this and help Perviz sell them off fast. The cheese is better than the famous Kraft cans they used to sell previously.



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CONDOLENCES

Sadly, the ZAC community lost one of our dear members, Cowas (Kali) Patel who passed away on April 17, 2012 in San Dimas, CA. Our sincere condolences to Perviz, Rohinton, Hufrize, Banu, Kaizad, Boman, Zubin, & Cyrus. May his soul rest in peace.

ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

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