



Zoroastrian Association of California

September 2009

Upcoming ZAC Events

LADIES CLUB

ZAC Ladies club will be meeting on Sunday, October 4, at the home of Lily and Darayus Mistry, 12 Farragut, Irvine, CA 92620.

Meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. Potluck lunch will be between 1-2 pm. By popular demand, there will be a cooking demonstration of two favorite dishes, bhakra and Parsi style chicken. **RSVP Lily at 949-559-5809**

SENIOR EVENT

We will once again be honoring all our ZAC seniors (65+) with an evening tailored just for them! All Zoroastrians, young and old, are encouraged to attend. Let us all get together again to honor the seniors. While the seniors enjoy their day, the younger folks are needed to help out in different ways...so please call to volunteer if you are 5 to 65. We need you.

Date: Sunday, Oct. 11

Place: California Zoroastrian Center, Westminster

Time: 4 – 8:30 p.m.

Program: Songs, games, music and dinner. We will be playing “Human Bingo”...all those attending are requested to send an interesting, true fact about themselves. (eg. Let us know if you have bicycled from coast to coast, climbed a mountain, sung in an opera, run a marathon, won a special medal, played cricket in a test match, shook hands with a famous person, etc., etc.)

Be prepared for an evening of fun and laughter.

Dinner will be served after the entertainment.

Cost: \$10 per person (payable at the door)

RSVP by Oct. 9: Vira Santoke at bvbm.santoke@verizon.net or 714-963-1301

FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PROPOSED CENTER

Weekend in BAKERSFIELD...(see attached flyer) (Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009) with special thanks to Dr. Perin, Sam, Minoo, Ratan, Hutoxi and Roshni Parabia.

“Camp” in the newly remodeled Best Western Crystal Palace Inn and Suites, next door to the Buck Owens Crystal Palace (of Country/Western fame). A block of rooms have been reserved just for ZAC at a special rate. Enjoy a weekend with family and friends, no cooking or cleaning.

Check-in Friday, Oct 30, 2009, after 3 p.m. Relax, chat or play games in the Banquet Room. (Dinner is on your own.)

Saturday, Oct 31. Enjoy a complimentary full breakfast then swim in the Olympic size pool surrounded by gardens, relax in the spa, dance, play games or just chat. Explore Bakersfield or make a trip to the Sequoias or Lake Isabella. (Lunch is on your own.) Then return for a Hawaiian party and dinner (included), with hula dancers, DJ, dance and games, by the pool on Saturday night.

Check-out Sunday, Nov. 1, Noon. Complimentary breakfast provided.

Rates:

\$150 per couple, per room for two nights.

\$25 each additional child/full-time student, sharing the room with the parents.

\$50 each additional adult (non-student) sharing the room with the couple. **Maximum 4 people per room.**

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy with community members and also help build funds for our own hall. **Send your check made out to ZAC to Noshir Lakdawalla, 26280 Fairlain Drive, Valencia, CA 91355, to reserve your spot.**

GAHAMBAR AND GENERAL BODY MEETING

Sunday, November 15, 2009 at CZC, 8952 Hazard Ave., Westminster

Jashan starts at 3:00 p.m. followed by chasni. Meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served after the meeting. We need volunteers for ravo, malido, fruits, nuts, etc. for the jashan. We will also appreciate help with the catering of a simple Parsi Gahambar menu (Masala dal, rice, a side dish, kachumbar and dessert).

Agenda shall include the following: Reading and approval of the minutes of the June AGM as well as the Extraordinary general meeting held in Aug., treasurer's report, reports of the finance committee and hall committee, election of the 2010-2011 executive committee, and other business.

The present committee's term will expire at the end of the year. If you are interested in serving on the board for the next term, as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary 1, Secretary 2, Program Chirperson or Youth Coordinator please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to the election officer, Noshir Jesung before Oct. 31, 2009.

IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANYTHING RELEVANT TO BRING UP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING, PLEASE SEND IT IN WRITING TO VIRA

SANTOKE OCT. 31, SO WE CAN ADD IT TO THE AGENDA.

RSVP Rooky Fitter at 714-840-7398 or email sharox2@aol.com if you will be attending. Also please let Rooky know if you will be bringing fruits or other offerings to the jashan or if you can help cook for the gahambar dinner.

An Evening with Zubin Mehta

(see attached flyer)

Here is another attractive fundraiser for our new ZAC hall. Conductor Zubin Mehta has very graciously helped us in this effort. We are selling tickets for his concert at the **Walt Disney Hall on December 12.** and dinner thereafter with the maestro. Cost is \$350 per person, which includes concert, dinner, and a portion going towards the ZAC hall. Remember, a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible. We are looking forward to many of our members participating in this fundraiser. We have already received commitment from a large number of members who will be attending. We still have tickets left. So please give Ratan Munshi a call and book your seats today.

If you have any questions regarding the event, call Ratan at (909) 597-9870.

Past Events

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting was held on August 2, 2009 to seek permission from the general body to purchase the two vacant lots (APN 128-121-11 and 128-121-14) situated at 1825 West Orange Avenue in the city of Anaheim. Members were requested to see the proposed property prior to attending the meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Garden Grove. 91 members attended the meeting. After a brief presentation of the plans, a discussion and Q and A session, the members agreed by a vast majority that the land was suitable for our needs and ZAC should go ahead and make an offer. Results of the ballot voting were as follows:

Yes - 77 No - 13 Unmarked - 1

The escrow has since been opened and we will keep you informed as we make progress in this process. We will also approach all of you to request contributions to this project which we have dreamt of for many years.

Our grateful thanks to Darayus Mistry for helping us get the hotel room for the meeting, Sohrab Charna for his time and working on the plans for the building, Tehmi Damania and Phiroze Gandevia for their part in preparing and arranging for the meeting and most of all to our Hall Committee Chairman, Tehemtan Arjani, for his unending toil and support for this project.

Youth Show/Natak

The ZAC Youth Show/Natak held on August 29 at the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts was truly a night to remember with an audience of almost 400 people. The Youth Show sparkled with the talents of our young people who had been practicing and perfecting their different acts through the summer. Each act excelled in precision, talent and novelty.

The program started with a brilliant rendition of “Chhaiye Hame Zarhosti” sung by the 24 member ZAC Golden choir with piano and guitar accompaniment provided by Kurush Dubash and Sharook Madon. Mahfrin Santoke and Roxanne Unwalla were brilliant at the flute and piano respectively. Ria Madon awed the audience with her melodic voice, while Roxanne and Shahnaz Fitter delighted us all with their gymnastics. The Desi Girls were captivating in their dance act and all applauded the young thespians in ‘Moral of the Story is...’, while a spectacular rendition of Jai Ho stole our hearts. The young and old came together for the fashion show which was a flow of costumes and outfits from India. Our energetic and charismatic MC’s, Mehernosh Gundevia and Arish Dubash, filled the evening with wit and comedic delight. Mehernosh and Arish, you both made an already fabulous evening complete!

The Youth Show was followed by an intermission where people got a chance to mix, mingle and enjoy the falooda, tea and delicious snacks that were set out in the patio area of the facility. A special thank you to Sohrab and Banoo Irani for their much loved tea and for picking up the food and carting it in their truck, Shireen and Dinyar Irani for their delicious falooda, Dinshaw Fanibanda for the non-veg samosas, Hoshang Bhadha for the sandwiches, and Arnavaz Talati and Khurshid Jamadar for the water. Mehernosh Choksy and his team – Hilla Machhi, Farida Udwalla, Katy and Hoshang Khambatta, Sheila and Sharook Madon, Lily and Darayus Mistry, Arnavaz Talati, Gool Jesung, Dogdoe Arjani, Sohrab Irani, Tehmi and Manek Damania, Maneck Bhot, Cusrow and Gulshan Bhada – efficiently managed the sale of food. Also thank you to Chisti

Dadachandji for handling the sale and prizes for the raffle.

After the intermission, the recipients of the Cyrus R. Fatakia scholarship were recognized. Darius Fatakia spoke of his beloved and cherished brother and acknowledged the recipients of the scholarship, Benaz Colabewala and Behzad Salamat. This was followed by the dulcet tones of Nauzad Sadry’s beautiful voice filling the auditorium. It was one of the highlights of the evening and we thank Nauzad for sharing his music with us.

Then the audience sat back to enjoy the Parsi Natak, masi ne de fasi, with its outstanding cast of actors. Not only was Rhoda Lakdawalla awesome as the ‘maasi’ but she was pivotal in organizing and putting the natak together. Many thanks, Rhoda, for all your hard work and for providing us with fun and laughter. Farhad Jamadar stole the show with his brilliant comedic talents and Farida Lakdawala, Pervin Amroli, Rohinton Bamboat and Khushroo Lakdawala all amused the audience in this delightful comedy. Maneck and Pervin Chichgar, Keki Engineer, Silloo Mehta and Malcolm Bhesania also helped with the production. It was a night enjoyed by all, and one that we will revisit in our memories for a long time. A video of the show will soon be available, thanks to Zubin Khambatta for recording and making the DVDs.

We extend our thanks and gratitude to all the many people, on and off the stage, who came together to help us make this evening a great success. **A big thank you goes to all the sponsors (including Bronze sponsors, Behram and Rena Baxter, whose names were left out of the book due to a mailing error discovered after the show), donors, advertisers, participants, and most of all to our Program Marketing chair, Tehmi Damania, and our dynamic show co-chairs, Persis Choksy and Rooky Fitter, who did a fabulous job working tirelessly through the summer organizing all the many acts that delighted and entertained us – this show would not have been possible without their efforts!**

Bakersfield Weekend

Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1

Address:

2620 Buck Owens Boulevard,
Bakersfield, California,
93308-6310, US
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Welcome to Best Western Crystal Palace Inn & Suites!

This Bakersfield hotel offers a pool, Olympic size pool and is located next door to the Buck Owens Crystal Palace entertainment complex.

The Best Western Crystal Palace Inn & Suites is centrally located in Bakersfield, known as the Gateway to Sequoia National Park. Hotel guests will find key area attractions and business locations nearby including Lake Isabella, Kern River, the Bakersfield Convention Center and the Mesa Marin Raceway.

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Whether sight-seeing, shopping or taking advantage of the surrounding golf courses, the friendly staff is ready to ensure a comfortable and memorable stay while in Bakersfield.

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An Evening With -

Zubin Mehta

Fundraiser for the Zoroastrian
Association of California (Inquire about tax
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Concert and Dinner with the Maestro at the
Walt Disney Concert Hall



December 12, 2009

For more information please call Ratan Munshi

At -

(562) 708-4177 or (909) 597-9870

Congratulations Grads!

All our high school and college grads will be recognized at the General Body Meeting in November.

Eric Colabewala graduated from Fullerton Union High School and will be studying computer programming at Fullerton College.

Faridun Dadachanji graduated from University of California, San Diego, with a degree in economics.

Kaivan Dadachanji graduated from Torey Pines High School and will be going to University of California, San Diego this fall.

Anoshak Khavarian graduated from Oxford Academy High School, rated #2 high school in the USA. He will be joining University of California, Irvine, in the honors business program.

Kanesh Lakdawala graduated from the Academy of Canyons High School and will be studying finance at College of the Canyons.

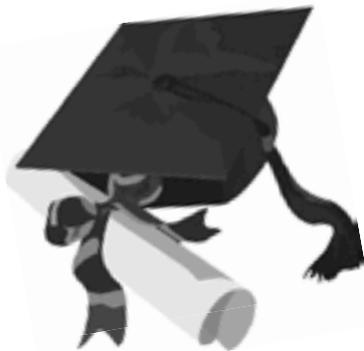
Malcolm Lakdawala graduated from UC San Diego in biochemistry and is now attending medical school in Antigua.

Shirley Limathwalla graduated from Huntington Beach High School and will be attending Orange Coast College.

Jasmine Mistry graduated from Northwood High School and will be going to University of California, Irvine.

Anahita Tavarria graduated from Northwood High School and will be going to California State University, Fullerton.

Rishad Taraporewala graduated from Los Osos High School and will be majoring in biology at University of California, San Diego.



We sincerely thank the anonymous couple for donating towards this worthy cause.

Other News and Appeals

DUBAI CONGRESS SUBSIDY

FEZANA will be giving \$500 travel subsidies to 20 Zarthusti youth from Member Associations and Small Groups, to attend the 9th world Zoroastrian Congress in Dubai. Deadline to receive applications is Oct. 30, 2009. Go to the ZAC website to download the form or email Vira Santoke bvhm.santoke@verizon.net for further assistance.

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON (ZAH) is having a raffle as part of their fundraising efforts for their hall's interior and exterior repairs. Winners will be drawn on November 7. Prizes are two beautiful gara saris. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. **Please contact Arzin Italia at 713-932-6629 or email at sorabitalia@yahoo.com for more details.**

FKS FOUNDATION

We have received an appeal from Mrs. Roshan Sholapurwala and the trustees of the FKS Foundation, Mumbai, to donate generously to their fund so they can continue with their numerous charitable contributions to the needy. Some of their projects include a charitable homeopathic clinic run by Dr. Farida A. Talati, paying school and college fees for deserving students, providing medical aid for se-

rious and chronic ailments, giving merit scholarships, sports aid, and aid to some minority associations. **Please send your check made out to ZAC, to Chisti Dadachanji, 13177 Seagrove St., San Diego, CA 92130**

RIDES NEEDED

Many of our seniors cannot attend ZAC functions due to lack of transportation. Some of the areas from where we have had requests in the past are, amongst others, San Pedro, Irvine, Anaheim, Laguna Woods and San Diego. If you can help give someone a ride at any of our events, please let the committee know. If you need a ride to any event please inform a member of the community and we will try and arrange transportation for you.

Hushang Namver

We have received an appeal from Miss Armaity Keki Namver of Mumbai for medical aid for her brother, Hushang Namver, who is almost immobile due to Parkinson's disease. The family is already faced with hospital bills over Rs. 15 lakhs, with monthly costs for medication and care mounting day by day. If you would like to help Hushang, **please send your check made out to ZAC, to Chisti Dadachanji, 13177 Seagrove St., San Diego, CA 92130**

CONDOLENCES

Zarrin Phiroze Driver passed away in Bombay on Aug.20, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Phiroze, loving mother of Tinaz Vevaina and Cyrus Driver, and doting grandmother of Yuhan, Leilah and Murad. May her soul rest in peace.

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Zoroastrian Association of California

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

I, _____,

residing at _____,

member of Zoroastrian Association of California since _____,

hereby agree to stand as a candidate for the position of _____

in the Executive Committee and state that I accept the constitution and by-laws of the Zoroastrian Association of California.

I further state that the decision of the Election Officer is binding on me.

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

We the undersigned hereby propose and second the application

of Mr./Ms. _____

of _____ as a candidate for the

above position, in the Executive Committee of Zoroastrian Association of California.

Proposed by _____
(Member's Name) (Signature)

Seconded by _____
(Member's Name) (Signature)

Please submit this form before **October 31, 2009** to the Election Officer **ONLY**.

Noshir Jesung, Election Officer, ZAC
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Thank You - ZAC Community!

Your Executive Committee would like to thank the ZAC family for their cooperation and support during the last two years. We acknowledge the help and support of all the members of the community who made our job easier by volunteering and helping out with various tasks, food, even attending and sponsoring programs. It was a pleasure and a privilege serving the community and we are blessed to have experienced this honor. We enjoyed the love, camaraderie and support of each and every one of you. Thank You.

Your Committee

President – Vira Santoke Vice President – Tehmi Damania Treasurer – Chisti Dadachanji
 Joint Secretaries – Rooky Fitter & Farida Udwardia Program Chair – Hilla Machhi
 Youth Coordinator – Mehernosh Gundevia

Rates for advertising in the ZAC newsletter are as follows:

<u>4 Consecutive Issues</u>		<u>One Time Advertisement</u>	
Full Page	\$200	Full Page	\$60
Half Page	\$110	Half Page	\$40
Quarter Page	\$ 60	Quarter Page	\$25
1/8 Page	\$ 40	1/8 Page	\$15