



Zoroastrian Association of California

September 2013

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

Ladies Club: Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 pm

The next Ladies Club meeting is going to be held on September 22, 2013 at 1:00 pm. As usual there will be a pot-luck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish to share – **6 to 8 servings please.**

At this meeting, Armaity Irani will teach us how to crochet and make paper flowers and garlands. Armaity is very skilled in crafts and has some great ideas that she will share with us. Get ready to spend a very enjoyable and entertaining afternoon. **RSVP or questions please call Dogdo Arjani at 818-545-8161.**

Lecture by Malcolm Bhesania: Sunday, September 22 at 4:30 pm

The topics for the next presentation in the series "**Proud to be a Zarathushti: Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future**" by Malcolm Bhesania to be held on Sep 22, 2013 at 4:30 pm. After the Ladies' Club function, the talk will feature two subjects:

"Consecrating an Atash Behram" and "A Tryst with Faith: Bringing the Atash from Aden to Lonavala".

The above two events follow each other with a short break for tea. After the lecture there will be "Bake Sale" and home-made, donated food items like Masoor, Pattice, Sandwiches, etc. will be available for sale at very reasonable prices.

Visit to the Getty Villa and the Cyrus Cylinder: Sunday, October 6

This is a joint arrangement for CZC and ZAC members to visit the Getty museum by bus. **The bus leaves the CZC Center at 9:30 am and return to CZC at 3:00 pm. Seats are going fast so make your reservations at <http://yczc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1472603&eventId=734732&EventViewMode=EventRegistration>**

Halloween for our little Goblins! Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 pm

Did you have fun last year? You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet! Fun starts at 5:00 pm with Games, Candy and prizes for your creative costumes and a very Special Show by **The Mad Scientist!** *There is no age limit for having fun.* Adults why don't you dress up and join in the fun too? We need parents to help out with this one. Please call Prochi at 661-284-3055 to volunteer. **Pizza, Bhel and Ice Cream provided. Cost: Children under 12 FREE. Everyone else pays \$10 per person. RSVP to Prochi by Oct. 24th.**

Jashan/General Body Meeting: Saturday, November 16 at 3:30 pm

Jashan starts at 3:30 pm. sharp. The General Body Meeting and Election of Executive Committee will start after the chasni, at 6:00 pm sharp after the obligatory one hour adjournment in case we do not have a quorum. We request 2 people to volunteer for kitchen duty to cover for the committee during the meeting. We will also be honoring our grads on this day.

Agenda includes: Reading and approval of the minutes of the June 2013 AGM, Executive Committee report, center update, appointment of auditor carried for 2014 carried over from June AGM will also need to be completed and other business. **If any member has anything relevant to bring up for discussion at the GBM, please send a request in writing to Tehmi Damania, tdamania@zacla.org by October 31, so it may be added to the agenda.** Items brought up from the floor will only be allowed only 3 minutes per member.

The final item on the agenda will be the election of the Executive Committee. All members of the present Executive Committee, having completed their current term but are eligible to serve for another term. However, members interested in serving on the ZAC Executive Committee for the position of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary 1, Secretary 2, Program Chairperson, or Youth Coordinator may complete and return the attached Nomination form **by October 20, 2013** to the Election Officer, Ervad Zarrir Bhandara. As per the Constitution the Nomination Forms must be submitted before October 31, but we are requesting you to send it in by October 20 to allow enough time to inform the members if more than one nomination is received for any position. Time is required to allow the Election Officer to prepare the ballots and the candidates to canvas for the election.

Dinner will be served **after** the AGM. Suggested donation is \$10 per person (children under 5 – free). **This is a members only event and you must RSVP by Wednesday, November 13 to Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055.** Also let Prochi know if you could volunteer for Ravo, Malido, Fruits, Nuts and food. ***Walk-ins/calls/emails after Nov. 13 will be \$15 per person, regardless of age.***

PAST EVENTS

Shehenshai New Year:

Since this is the year for the Youth Show, traditionally we do not have a Pateti/Navroze function. As this year, the Shehenshai New Year's day fell on a Sunday, the committee had an "informal" Navroze get-together at the Center in Orange. It was a surprise to us all when the attendance exceeded 145.

The Jashan was performed by Mobeds Zarrir and Zerkxis Bhandara and Maneck Bhujwala. We are grateful to our Mobeds particularly since they had already performed a jashan at dawn in closing the Mukta prayers at their home. The community is always grateful to the Bhandaras for their services during Mukta.

We would like to thank Dolly Malva for the jashan-no-saman, Mitra Irani, Rooky Fitter, Aban Kapadia, Dinshaw Irani, Ruzbe Daruwalla, Roda Mubarak for fruit, nuts, malido, ravo. We would like to thank Xerxes Commissariat and Vira Santoke for Sev, Dolly Malva for Dahi, Vira for the Achar also. Lunch was the greatest community effort with Rice from Houtoxi Contractor, Chisti Dadachanji, Aban Kapadia, Benaifer Limath, Reshma Rustomi, Dilnavaz Shroff and Ferhiz, Sidhwa. Dal: Gulshan Bhada, Anahita Daruwalla, Mitra Irani, Rhoda Lakdawalla, Hilla Munshi and Perviz Patel. Shrimp Patio: Nashita Dastur, Meher Dastur, Rooky Fitter, Lily Mistry and Veg. patio Tehmi Damania. Thank you all for putting in such a great community effort.

The afternoon was spent playing games like Table Tennis, Carrom, Bingo, Bridge and Teen Patta. It was a very large family get-together as they say "Sare dare halee, maleene majhenu lagu".

The committee would like to thank all volunteers, Lily Mistry, Daisy Siganporia, Mitra Irani for their vital help in the kitchen and everyone for their assistance and apologize if anyone's name was inadvertently omitted.

YOUTH SHOW RECAP by Merzi Limath

On Saturday August 24, 2013, a ZAC Youth Show was held in beautiful Huntington Beach, CA at Golden West College. It had been two long years since the previous Youth Show, and the whole community had waited long and hard in anticipation for what was about to come. The Youth had prepared for months in advance for the show that will be remembered as one of the most memorable. The show was hosted by me, Youth Coordinator Merzi Limath, managed by Phiroze Gundevia, and Microphone Controlled by Mehernosh Gundevia and Khush Italia as well as Kurush Italia as House DJ. The night contained many acts from music, dancing and singing, to acting and comedy which was a mix of old school 1940's banker humor mixed with some modern day Dave Chappelle. The whole community got together that night to support the wonderful talents of these kids. After the show we all went to BJ's for exquisite dining. Special thanks to the Sponsors, Promoters, Organizers, The Participants and their parents...and the Community as a whole for showing up and supporting that night, and none of this would be possible if it wasn't for all of them. The Movement continues!!!

Thank you, Merzi Limath.

The Committee wishes to apologize for cancelling the Senior Function on Sunday, September 15. If possible we will try and do one later and you will be advised accordingly.

Announcements

Congratulations to Shanaia Cowasjee who prayed beautifully at her Navjote Ceremony on Saturday, August 31, 2013. We welcome our community's newest Zarathushti to the fold. May Ahura Mazda guide her along the path of righteousness always. Congratulations to the proud parents Rukshana and Minocher and the adoring grandparents Bacchi and Homey Writer who are also part of our community.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

RENEWAL of the Ralphs Community Contribution Program

YOU MUST RENEW your card in the program every year in September. Members who did not get, or see the email blast, please take the attached form to Ralph's and ask the cashier to scan the bar code at the bottom along with your Rewards card. From that point on, every time you use your Ralphs card during the year, ZAC will receive a contribution. Last time ZAC received \$134.49 from all your purchases. *Thank you for helping ZAC.*

We need YOUR Help at the Center!

As everyone is aware, we shall be finally starting the work on the restrooms at our Center. We will be giving up part of the green room in order to increase the number of restrooms and make them ADA compatible. This means we will be losing the little room we call "office" and a lot of changes will need to be made to provide the space. If 1-2 people can volunteer a couple of hours to move things over to the other side of the building please contact Rooky or Tehmi to schedule the move.

This is YOUR Newsletter. *If you wish to "share" events in your life (Births, Deaths, Navjotes, Weddings, etc.) with the community via newsletter, please send an email to dtarapore@zacula.org.*

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Zoroastrian Association of California

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION

I, _____

residing at _____

member of Zoroastrian Association of California

since _____, hereby agree to stand as a

candidate for the post 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.

Date

Member's Signature

We the undersigned hereby propose and second the application of

Mr./Ms. _____

of _____ as candidate for the above position, in the Executive Committee of Zoroastrian Association of California.

Proposed by _____
(Name) (Signature)

Seconded by _____
(Name) (Signature)

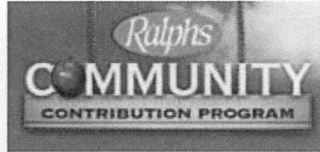
** Note: Please submit this form to the Election Officer only, by October 20, 2013.

Mobed Zarrir Bhandara, Election Officer.

14801 Doncaster Road, Irvine, CA 92604

E-mail: zbhandara@gmail.com

***The forms are requested by an early date to allow enough time to prepare the ballots and send out notification to the membership should there be more than one person applying for a position. It also allows time for the candidates to canvas for votes if necessary.*



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Attention: VIRA SANTOKE
1424 EAST WALNUT AVE.
ORANGE, CA 92867

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC:

Thank you for your interest in the Ralphs *rewards* Community Contribution Program. We are happy to be a part of your fundraising.

Here is your Organization's Scanbar code as requested. This supplemental process allows your members without access to a computer to be a part of your fund raising through our Community Contribution Program.

How it works

- Make copies of this form and give the copies to members of your organization who wish to enroll with your organization, but do not have access to register online.
- DO NOT remove these instructions from this letter. These instructions are necessary for the cashier in order to process the link between your card and your organization at the register.
- Participants take this form the next time they go shopping at Ralphs and hand it to the cashier to scan within their order IN ADDITION to either their Ralphs *rewards* Card, or phone number entry that is linked to their *rewards* card.
- Within 72 hours, your participants will then begin giving a percentage of each shopping trip for the duration of the Community Contributions Term to your organization.
- You only have to scan this letter once to create the link between your card and your organization. You must continue scanning your Ralphs *rewards* Card/phone number during all purchases to get credit for your organization. Unable to credit organization if card is not swiped during any transaction.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- 1) If your participants register for the Community Contribution Program using this Scanbar method, the name of your organization WILL NOT APPEAR on the receipt.**
- 2) If your participants register for the Community Contribution Program using this Scanbar method AND do not have their correct information updated in the Ralphs *rewards* Card Database, their name will not appear on your quarterly statements.**
- 3) Any attempt by the organization to reproduce this scan bar (other than copying it) in any other format could result in your organization not receiving credit.**



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ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

All functions are at the ZAC Center, Orange, CA

Ladies Club: Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 pm

Halloween: Sunday, Oct. 27 at 5:00 pm

Jashan/GBM, November 16 at 3:30 pm

Save the Date

Santa at the Center: Saturday, December 21 -- TBA