



Zoroastrian Association of California

September 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

Ladies Club: Sunday, October 4

The Ladies Club will meet on Sunday, October 4th, 2015 at the ZAC Center in Orange at 12:30 pm. Houtoxi Contractor will talk about Pranayama, the science of breath control. Houtoxi has been practicing yoga for fifteen years and is a certified yoga instructor from the Shivananda Yoga Ashram in Ahmadabad, India. She will demonstrate simple yoga routines suitable for people of any age and fitness level. Ladies, gentlemen and children are encouraged to attend and participate.

Potluck lunch will follow after the exercise at around 1:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Treasurywala at 949-932-0780.

Ayathrem Ghambhar: Friday, October, 16

The Ghambhar will be held on Friday, October 16 at the ZAC Center. Jashan will begin at 5:30 pm followed by dinner. **If any member/members would like to sponsor this Ghambhar please contact Zarrir Bhandara at zbhandara@gmail.com**

RSVP is a MUST so that we may have a proper head count. Please RSVP to Mobed Zarrir Bhandara at zbhandara@gmail.com or 565-331-9973.

Halloween: Saturday, October 31

Did you enjoy Halloween last year? Well let's do it again on Saturday October 31st. from 4:00 pm onwards. Join us for hands on and one of a kind reptile show. You will see and hold colorful and unique reptiles, amphibians and critters.

There will also be trick or treating, coloring contest and a kids and adults costume parade! The reptile show will start promptly at 5:00 pm followed by a BBQ by Master Chef Xerxes (non veg & veg). The Parade will start after the dinner. Parents who wish to volunteer to help please contact Prochi Mistry.

Cost: Children under 12 yrs. – FREE. Everyone else - \$10 per person.

So that we get a head count, please RSVP by October 23 to Prochi Mistry at mistryprochi@aol.com or 661-284-3055

Jashan/General Body Meeting: Saturday, November 21

Jashan starts at 3:30 pm sharp. The General Body Meeting and Election of the Executive Committee will start after the tea & chasni, after the obligatory one hour adjournment in case we do not have a quorum.

The General Body Meeting is for Members ONLY. If any member has anything relevant to bring up for discussion at the General Body 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 3 minutes per member.

The final item on the agenda will be the election of the Executive Committee. 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 27, 2015** to the Election Officer Phiroz Tarapore. As per the ZAC Constitution the Nomination Forms must be submitted before **October 31**, but we are requesting you to send it in by October 27 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 GBM. Suggested Donation - \$10 per person. Children under 5 years – FREE. Please let Prochi know if you can volunteer for Ravo, Malido, Fruits, Nuts, & Dry Fruits.

So that we get a head count for Dinner, please RSVP to Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055.

Walk-ins/Phone calls/E-mails after November 16 will be \$15 per person, regardless of age.

Tir Mahino Tir Roj Parabh: Saturday, November 28

The Parabh will be held on Saturday, November 28 at the ZAC Center. Jashan will begin at 4:00 pm followed by dinner. . **If any member/members would like to sponsor this Parabh please contact**

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PAST EVENTS

Shehenshahi New Year/Khordad Sal Function

This year, since Khordad Sal was on Sunday August 23rd, we celebrated the day with great enthusiasm, much eating and greeting at the lunch organized for 200 members and guests to bring in the New Year too!!

The event started with the Jashan performed by Mobeds Zarrir and Zerkxis Bhandara which was attended by a large number and many were able to follow the prayers simultaneously through the prayer books which were distributed for the purpose. For the first time, Goan cuisine was ordered for the Parsi palettes which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

All our new Graduates were also congratulated and honored on behalf of ZAC. This was followed by awarding the Cyrus R. Fatakia Scholarships to the qualifying graduates by Darius Fatakia.

The members were entertained by our very young member's, age's 5- 15 years by a presentation on Khordad Sal produced and directed by Silloo Mehta followed by a refreshing round of tea and more snacks,

It was truly a large happy family get togetherand...as they say ...*“Sarey darey halee, maleene majhenu lagu”*.

The committee would like to thank all the volunteers for their vital help in the kitchen and the clean-up and everyone for their assistance on this big day.

Farvadin Mahino Farvadin Roj Parabh

The Hama Asho Farohar nu Jashan was performed on Saturday, September 5 at the ZAC Center by Mobeds Zarrir and Zerkxis Bhandara. After the Jashan a mouth-watering lunch along with the ravo, fruits and kulfi prepared by some of our member volunteers. Around 75 members, young & old enjoyed the beautiful prayers and the delicious lunch.

The ZAC Executive Committee would like to thank the organizers Mobeds Zarrir & Zerkxis Bhandara for organizing this event.

Paitishahem Ghambhar

This Ghambhar was sponsored by Adil & Reshma Rustomi in memory of our late Nariman Sorabji Rustomi on September 13, at the ZAC Center. It was attended by around 120 members/non-members. After the jashan lunch was served prepared by the family. The tasty food was enjoyed by all. We appreciatively acknowledge the Rustomi family for hosting the Ghambhar lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRAD

Three more Grads whose names missed the announcement in the earlier newsletter.

Anahita Bhot, daughter of Maneck & Aban Bhot, graduated from Cal State University of Long Beach with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. She is now working for the Oil & Gas Industry as a process engineer.

Friyana Dadabhoy, daughter of Shahrukh & Kalpana Dadabhoy, passed the state bar of California. She is a graduate of UCLA Law School in Immigration and Naturalization Law. She also has a Masters and J.D. from UCLA Law School.

Shahnaz Fitter, daughter of Khushroo & Rooky Fitter, graduated from University of Washington with a double major in law and psychology. She is now enrolled in Mary Mount University in Arlington, VA for her Masters in forensic psychology.

Condolences

Framroz Kekobad Elavia passed away in Mumbai on August 29, 2015. He was the husband of Kumi Framroz Elavia; father of Persis Pervez Rustomji, Pervin Yezdi Bahadurji and Aban Maneck Bhot; grandfather of Percy, Diana, Armin, Shirin, Daraius and Anahita. *Our sincere condolences to the family on their loss.*

Shapur Khodadad Varjavandi, husband of late Hodayun Shapur Varjavandi, father of Dilnavaz, Tanaz and Mahanaz; Father-in-law of Cyrus, Rohinton and Parvez; Grandfather of Jennifer, Mehershan, Rukhshad, Shahzad, Zuri and Arash passed away in Mumbai on August 31, 2015. *Our sincere condolences to the family on their loss.*

Change of Address

Cusrow and Gulshan Bhada
Hoshang and Zenobia Master
Daisy & Rusi Siganporia
Khushru Wadia
Please see printed version of newsletter.

The Cyrus R Fatakia Scholarship Recipients

Happy New Year & Khordad-Sal-Mubarak everyone! We are pleased to announce the following recipients of the Cyrus R Fatakia Scholarship for the year 2015-2016.

Behroze Dalal:

Behroze Dalal is enrolled as a senior at the Good Samaritan College of Nursing in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her goal is to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She has already received her R.N. credentials and is on her way to becoming a Neonatal, Intensive Care Nurse. She is above average in her academic abilities, organizational skills and personal integrity. She has dedicated her time to helping the elderly at various nursing homes. She has volunteered her time at the Baltimore-Washington Medical Center and at the Fairfield Mercy Hospital. Behroze is a bright and hard-working student who shows much promise and enthusiasm and is very deserving of this Scholarship.

Kashmin Dalal:

Kashmin Dalal will be a freshman at the Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Her goal is to earn a BA in Psychology. Kashmin has been on the Academic Honor Roll for all 4 years of High School and she graduated with highest Honors in 2015. Kashmin has been a member of a volunteer-based organization, the Fairfield High School's Interact Club. She is also a section leader in her High School's Chamber Orchestra. And she's been a Squad Leader in her High School's marching band. She aspires to be a Child Psychologist and with her caring, giving, nature, I am sure she will be very successful in her selected career.

Sanaya Kateli:

Sanaya Kateli is from Monrovia, CA and will be a freshman at UCLA, CA this Fall Semester. Her chosen field of study is Political Science & English. Sanaya graduated from High School with a 4.83 GPA. Sanaya has won the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and the Math & Science Academy Honorable Mention Award; she has been on the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society and is a Gold Seal Graduate in 2015. Sanaya has been the President of the Mock Trial and Debate Club, and has attended Summer Law Programs at Stanford Law and UCLA Law. She is also Vice President of her Senior Class and a member of the French Club at her High School. She tutors two to three times a week, helping struggling, "at risk" youth of all grade levels, succeed. We wish Sanaya the very best in pursuing her college education and future goals.

Bezon Rustomi:

Bezon Rustomi is starting his sophomore year at the University of California in Riverside, and hopes to eventually earn a Degree in Medicine; Bezon competes in, and teaches Taekwondo; He has shown leadership qualities in this field of Martial Arts and has earned his 4th degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. He is a great Instructor, and a knowledgeable, responsible and passionate human being with an impeccable character, who has demonstrated a love for young children and has earned the respect of his peers and his fellow instructors. We are happy to acknowledge this fine young man and to award him the Cyrus R Fatakia Scholarship.

Eiraj Zandi:

Eiraj Zandi is a senior at the California State University, Long Beach, CA. He is a Political Science Major with a concentration in Global Politics, and a Minor in Communication Studies. He was on the President's Honor's List at Cal State University Long Beach in 2013. He has helped teenage groups to raise funds for the less fortunate, in both Iran and in the United States. He has volunteered as an unpaid Intern campaigning for John Goya, to gain experience in the political arena. Eiraj plans on pursuing a Master's Degree in Political Science, as a stepping stone to get into Law School and eventually campaign for Public Office. We are very happy to award our Scholarship to this very enthusiastic and ambitious young man.

Congratulations to all of our bright, young students! We wish you the very best of luck and much success in your chosen careers!

The Cyrus R Fatakia Scholarship Committee

Zoroastrian Association of California

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

I, _____
residing at _____,
member of the 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. / Mrs. _____
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, 2015** to the Election Officer **ONLY**.

Phiroz Tarapore, Election Officer, ZAC
2724 Colby Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064



1424 E. Walnut Avenue
Orange, CA 92867

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ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

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

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Save the Date

New Year Eve's Dinner & Dance: Thursday, December 31