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Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

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Events for the months ahead...



Friday, December 4	11:00am	Seniors Event (weather permitting)
Sunday, December 6	12:30pm	Scouts
Sunday, December 6	2:45pm	Children's Religion Classes
Sunday, December 13	12:30pm	Scouts
Sunday, January 3	11:00am	Maidyarem Gahambar (F)
Friday, January 8	11:00am	Seniors Event (weather permitting)
Sunday, January 10	2:45pm	Children's Religion Classes
Sunday, January 17	10:30am	2016 New Year Khushali Jashan*
Friday, January 22	11:00am	Seniors Event (weather permitting)
Sunday, January 24	2:45pm	Children's Religion Classes
Saturday, January 30	6:00pm	Jashn-e-Sadeh (F)
Friday, February 5	11:00am	Seniors Event (weather permitting)
Saturday, February 6	7:00pm	Scouts Valentine's Day Function
Sunday, February 7	2:45pm	Children's Religion Classes
Saturday, February 13	10:30am	Paitishahem Gahambar (S)**
Friday, February 19	11:00am	Seniors Event (weather permitting)
Sunday, February 21	2:45pm	Children's Religion Classes
Saturday, February 27	4:00pm	Scouts BP Day Function

* Those wishing to join for lunch after the Khushali Jashan on January 17th, please provide your names to Dara Panthakee: (416) 826-3298 or evp@zso.org at least 4 days prior to the event.

** Those wishing to join for lunch after the Paitishahem Gahambar on February 13th, please provide your names to Ervad Hoshang Udwadia: (416) 499-4957 at least 4 days prior to the event.

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Board of Directors Corner

November has been another active month with our Committees arranging a multitude of events for our members. Our younger lot participated in Religion and Avesta Classes and Scout activities, while our Seniors had their two meetings on November 6th and 20th. In addition to their various activities (lectures, yoga, music, etc.), the Parsi food prepared by our excellent caterers is also a major attraction at these Seniors' events! Observance of the Maidyoshem Gahambar (S) was duly organized by Ervad Hoshang Udwardia. A highlight of the month was the NAMC Lecture Series held on Saturday, November 7th. Members were treated to discourses on interesting subjects by Ervads Tehemton Mirza, Xerxes Madan, Firdosh Bulsara, and Mobedyar Khushroo Mirza.

Our ZSO functions smoothly with assorted activities thanks to the efforts of our many dedicated volunteers. Your Board once again recognized such tireless efforts at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held at our Darbe Mehr on Saturday, November 14th. On behalf of the Board, President Russi Surti thanked our RGFO Trustees, the many Committees including the Chairs, Committee members, Mobeds, and other volunteers who have selflessly served our Society over the past 12 months. The dinner and wine were enjoyed by the 150 volunteers present, and kids and adults stomped enthusiastically to the music that followed.

The Festive Season will soon be upon us, and your Directors take this opportunity to wish all our members, their families, and our community at large a safe and happy Holiday Season and the very best for 2016.

Birth Announcement

Nazreen Tiffany Jussawalla, daughter of Delila Law & Zubin Jussawalla, was born on October 28, 2015. *Congratulations to the happy families!*

ZSO Newsletter Seeking Associate Editor

We are seeking a new Associate Editor for the monthly ZSO newsletter. This is a great opportunity for youth to get involved, working remotely. If interested, please contact Executive Vice President Dara Panthankee (evp@zso.org).

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100th Toronto Scouts Group

We have started our new calendar year with a bang with camps and activities both at our Darbe Mehr & Scouts Camp Ground. Our Scouts group has a new shed provided by the ZSO, and all our things have been moved into it with the help of our dedicated leader volunteers, Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers. This month, keeping up with the Jays momentum, we took the scouts to the baseball diamond at the local school. The intention was to get the youth a real feel of the game, so they can relate to it better the next time they watch it on TV. They got a firsthand perspective of the game, learnt about teamwork, and how it is important for the team as a whole to perform; a good pitch or a good strike alone cannot win you the game.

Scouts attended a leadership program at Woodland trails on October 24th and the same day some Scouts and Cubs helped out at our Seniors Food Fair. We got a chance to do our Apple Day and would like to thank the Seniors for accommodating us in their event. Thanks to Cyrus Tampal for donating the apples for our Scouts group.

October being fire safety month, our Cubs were involved in a fire safety session. They were also involved in cleaning up dry leavers and things that are flammable around our Darbe Mehr, and realized the importance of conservation, recycling, and safety. Our Beavers were equally busy with fun craft and lots of indoor/outdoor games, and even carved some pumpkins for Halloween. As always, we have new kids joining our Scouts group and are thankful to the community for always supporting our events and encouraging your youth to be a part of scouting. We also initiated a non-perishable food drive for the food bank. We will continue with the collection till the end of the year. If anyone wishes to donate any non-perishable items you can drop them off at the Darbe Mehr in our collection box.



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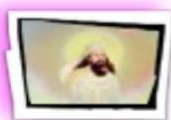
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کدام یک از این دو شخص، درست کردار و پارسا و یا شخص زشت کردار و ناپاک بهترین راه را خواهد گزید؟ دانا باید با دانش خویش نادان را آگاه سازد. نشاید که نابخرد گمراه ماند. ای خداوند جان و خرد باشد که راز وهومن بر همه آشکار گردد.



جشن دیگان برهنگان خجسته باد.

واژه ی دی که در اوستا «دنهوش» (Dathush) یا «دزوه» (Daz-vah) می باشد به معنی دادار یا آفریننده و آفریدگار است که همیشه به مانند صفتی برای اهورامزدا آورده شده است. واژه ی «دی» از مصدر «دا» آمده است که در اوستا و فارسی هخامنشی (پارسی باستان) و سانسکریت به معنی دادن، آفریدن، ساختن و بخشیدن است. جشن دیگان در روزهای دوم و نهم و هفدهم ماه دی در تقویم رسمی کشور از جشن‌هایی است که به مناسبت همنام شدن روز و ماه در تقویم ایرانیان برگزار می‌شد. به کلامی دیگر چهار جشن در ماه «دی» برای یادآوری و پاسداشت «دادار» (خداوند - هرمزد) می باشند:

- ۱- اورمزد و دی ماه در نخستین روز دی ماه
- ۲- دی بآذر و دی ماه در هشتمین روز دی ماه
- ۳- دی بمهر و دی ماه پانزدهمین روز دی ماه
- ۴- دی بدین و دی ماه بیست و سومین روز دی ماه

تجلیل از داوطلبان جامعه زرتشتی

در روز شنبه ۱۴ نوامبر در یک مجلس دوستانه و با برنامه ریزی که از سوی انجمن زرتشتیان آنتاریو (ZSO) در سالن مهریان گیو برگزار گردید، از زحمات گروهی از افراد داوطلب و پیشی جوینده در همیاری و انجام امری برای هازمان زرتشتی سپاسداری گردید. بجا می باشد که ما نیز در اینجا با نام بردن از جمعی از این افراد سپاسداری دوباره ای از این بزرگواران داشته باشیم.

موید کرمان کانتراک، مویدیار بهرام ورجاوند و مویدیار مهشاد خسرویانی بابت برگزاری مراسم دینی هموندان کنونی و پیشین کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی آنتاریو بانو مهرتاج کاویانی بابت سرپرستی و هماهنگی فعالیت‌های ورزشی/دینی روزهای یکشنبه



بانو هما رشیدی بابت سرپرستی فعالیت ورزشی والیبال بانو بهشته فرامرزی بابت سرپرستی فعالیت ورزشی بسکتبال بانو آناهیتا همایی بابت سرپرستی کلاسهای اوستا آقای جمشید جم بابت هموندی و همیاری در همه آیین و مراسم آقای فرهاد پارسی بابت سرپرستی و برگزاری مراسم گهنبار و ...

در اینجا از دیگر هموندانی که ناخواسته اسامی آنها را فراموش کرده ایم پوزش می خواهیم.

نیک اندیشی و نیک کرداری شما را ارج می گزاریم و پاداش نیک شما را از اهورامزدا خواهانیم.

تماس با ما

انتقادات، نظرات و پیشنهادات سازنده خود را با ما با آدرس kanoun@zso.org در میان بگذارید.

گردهمایی ماهیانه بانوان

بانوان زرتشتی در اولین سه شنبه هر ماه از ساعت ۱۰ تا ۱۲ ظهر در درب مهر ارباب رستم گیو گرد هم می آیند. شرکت برای همگان آزاد می باشد.



درگذشت اشوزرتشت

در سالنمای زرتشتیان، روز خور از ماه دی هر سال، سالروز درگذشت اشو زرتشت اسپنتمان؛ پیام آور و پیامبر ما زرتشتیان می باشد. اشوزرتشت پیام آور آریایی و نخستین اندیشمند و فیلسوفی است که یکتا گرایی را به مردم پیشنهاد کرد تا از روی اختیار، راه راستی را برگزینند و به رستگاری برسند. پیروان او در سراسر دنیا برای پاسداشت از پیام جاودانه اشوزرتشت گرد هم می آیند و با آیین هایی سنتی به روان و فروهر درگذشتگان به ویژه اشوزرتشت درود می فرستند.

به همین مناسبت، در روز خور از ماه دی برابر با شنبه ۲۶ دسامبر ۲۰۱۵، مراسم یادبود و اوستاخوانی از ساعت ۱۱ در سالن مهربان گیو برپا می باشد و در ادامه از باشندگان با میوه و چای پذیرایی می گردد.

درود به روان پاک همه درگذشتگان

ورزش و سلامتی

همانگونه که آگاهی دارید ورزشهای سالنی والیبال و بسکتبال در مجتمع فرهنگی ورزشی (Langstaff) در روزهای یکشنبه هر هفته برپا می باشد. دیداری با دیگر همکیشان داشته و با ورزش کردن سلامتی خود را بیمه نمایید.

Date	Mini Basketball GYM B	Volleyball GYM C
4-Oct	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
11-Oct	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
18-Oct	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
25-Oct	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
1-Nov	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
8-Nov	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
15-Nov	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
22-Nov	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
29-Nov	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
6-Dec	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
13-Dec	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30
20-Dec	2:30 - 3:30	3:00 - 4:30



همچنین آموزش دینی همراه با تمرین بسکتبال برای جوانان سنین ۱۲ - ۶ سال در همان مکان برپا می باشد.

شرکت کنندگان والیبال نیز در رده سنی جوانان و

بزرگسالان ساعات شادی را همراه با ورزش با یکدیگر سپری می کنند.



خود درمانی و تندرستی با یوگا PALM-5

(روشی آسان برای داشتن سلامتی و درمان روان و بدن)

در ادامه چندین دوره برگزاری کلاسهای یوگا این کلاسها همچنان با پشتکار هموند گرامی زوبین داتیوالا و دیگر همکیشان گرامی برپا می باشد. این کلاسها هر چهارشنبه از ساعت ۶:۳۰ تا ۸:۱۵ بعد از ظهر در سالن مهربان گیو برگزار می گردد. شرکت در این کلاسها رایگان و برای همگان آزاد می باشد. (Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25)

برای آگاهی بیشتر با شماره ۲۹۸۵-۶۲۹- (۹۰۵) آقای زوبین داتیوالا (Zobin Dotiwala) تماس بگیرید.

شب یلدا

کانون ایرانیان زرتشتی آنتاریو همانند سالهای پیش شب یلدا را در روز شنبه ۱۹ دسامبر ۲۰۱۵ از ساعت ۶:۳۰ بعد از ظهر در سالن مهربان گیو گرمای می دارد. از شما همکیشان گرمای دعوت می شود تا با هموندی خود و خانواده ساعات شادی را با دیگر دوستان و همکیشان خود داشته باشید.

پذیرایی، "چک و دووله"، فال حافظ، رقص همراه با موزیک دی جی (DJ) پاره ای از برنامه های شاد برنامه ریزی شده می باشد.

گزارشی از هالوین پارتی

در روزجمعه ۳۰ اکتبر ۲۰۱۵ حدود ۶۵ نفر از کودکان، جوانان و بزرگسالان با انواع لباسهای محلی و مبدل در سالن مهربان گیو گرد هم آمدند و به بهانه شب هالوین ساعات شادی را با یکدیگر سپری کردند.

در ادامه فرتورهایی از این مراسم دیده می شود.



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Menu

Soup

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Salad

Lettuce with French dressing topped with Fruit & Toasted Biscuits

Main

Salted Pistachio Fish marinated in mint with a side of Cranberry Sauce
Salted Pistachio Olivers - Cauliflower with a side of Cranberry Sauce (Vegetarian)
Roast Chicken with Parisian Potatoes & Ham
Potato Croquettes with Spinach & Asparagus tips (Vegetarian)

Side

Chicago Lemon Rice with Golden Raisin Kisses & Coconut Lips
Roasted Onions & Green Peppers with Country Captain Gravy

Dessert

Johnny's Almond & Raisin Bread Butter Pudding
Coffee Brandy Latte

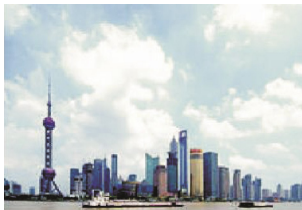


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Day 3 / May 22: Beijing

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Day 4 / May 23: Beijing

Today we visit the mighty Great Wall and relish locally flavored lunch. On the way back we stop at the **Olympic sites**, where we will see the **Bird Nest Stadium** and **Water Cube Aquatic Centre**. We will visit the **Jade Factory** to see the art of Chinese Jade making, and then we depart for the **Hutong tour** by Pedi-cab, driving through the ancient streets and residential areas to see the daily life of local people. Overnight and dinner at **Beijing International Hotel**. (B/L/D)

Day 5 / May 24: Beijing-Yichang ✈

After breakfast, we visit the **Summer Palace** and take an afternoon flight to Yichang. Upon arrival we will drive through the town of Yichang on our way to the Yangtze river cruise. After dinner we board the **5 Star MS Yangtze 2** or the **5 star Yangtze Gold Series** for our river cruise. (B/L/D)

Day 6 / May 25: Yangtze River Cruise

Participate in guided Tai Chi session on the sun deck early morning. Enjoy the stunning scenery as we sail through **Xiling Gorge**. Embark on a shore excursion to the **Three Gorges Dam Site**, the largest water conservancy project undertaken by man. Enjoy the spectacular sights while passing through the **Three Gorges Dam 5-stage ship locks**. In the evening, there will be a **Captain's Dinner** and a **Folkloric Performance**. (B/L/D)

Day 7 / May 26: Three Gorges

Participate in a guided Tai Chi session on the sun deck early morning. Depending on the river conditions, there may be a shore excursion to **Shennong Stream**, which is a natural habitat of the mandarin ducks and golden-hair monkeys. After lunch, admire breathtaking sights of the narrow cliff walls and dramatic vistas in the **Wu Gorge** and **Qutang Gorge**. (B/L/D)

Day 8 / May 27: Yangtze River Cruise

Participate in guided Tai Chi session on the sun deck early morning. Later in the morning, take a shore excursion to **Fengdu "the Ghost City"** or **Shibaozhai**, home to a 12

storey red wooden pavilion built against a protruding 220 meter rectangular rock. (B/L/D)

Day 9 / May 28: Chongqing – Xian ✈

As the cruise ends we will disembark at Chongqing Pier. Upon arrival we will visit points of interest in Chongqing on our way to the airport. After lunch we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Xian. Overnight at the **5-Star Golden Flower Shangri-La Hotel**. (or similar) (B/L/D)

Day 10 / May 29: Xian

Explore the famous **Terra Cotta Museum** where we not only will see the mighty terra cotta warriors. Lunch features local cuisine. En-route visit the famous **Lacquer Furniture Store**. In the evening, watch an amazing **Tang Dynasty Dinner Show**. Dinner includes four varieties of specialty dumplings. Overnight at the **5-Star Golden Flower Shangri-La Hotel**. (or similar) (B/L/D).

Day 11 / May 30: Xian - Shanghai ✈

Today we fly to Shanghai early in the morning. Upon arrival we visit the **City-God Temple Market**, **Yu Garden** and the **Bund**. Then we continue with sightseeing and end our day with dinner and an **Optional Acrobatic Show**.

Overnight at **Jin Jiang Hotel Shanghai**. (B/L/D)

Day 12 / May 31: Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai

Morning departure to Suzhou, the 'Venice of the East'. Visit the **Master of Nets Garden** and take a boat ride on the **Grand Canal**. Tour the **Silk Factory** and enjoy shopping at their retail outlet. We will have our farewell dinner in Suzhou and see the bright lights of Shan Tang Street. Travel back to Shanghai and overnight at **Jin Jiang Hotel Shanghai**. (B/L/D)

Day 13 / June 1: Shanghai

Free day to explore Shanghai or enjoy shopping and sightseeing at your leisure. (B)

Day 14 / June 2: Shanghai-Beijing-Toronto ✈

After breakfast, transfer to the airport on the high speed Maglev. Say good-bye to China as you board your transpacific flight home. (B)

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Prices quoted are in Canadian dollars

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DEPOSIT SCHEDULE

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Final payment is due on March 1, 2016

*Single Supplement: single room in all hotels and shared cabin on cruise.

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