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Events for the months ahead...



Friday, August 5	11:00am	Seniors Event
Friday, August 5	6:30pm	Avesta Classes - Adults
August 5 to 7	all day	Scouts Camp
Sunday, August 7	10:00am	Muktad Clean-Up (Refreshments)
August 12 to 16		Annual Muktad Prayers (S)
Saturday, August 13	4:00pm	Hamaspahmaidyem Gahambar (S)
Wednesday, August 17	6:00pm	Navroze Jashan **
Monday, August 22	6:00pm	Khordad Sal Jashan **
Friday, September 2	11:00am	Seniors Event
Friday, September 2	6:30pm	Avesta Classes – Adults
Sunday, September 4	10:30am	Fravardegan (S) (Lunch)*
Monday, September 5	6:30pm	Dastoorji Kookadaroo Baj (S) (Dinner)*
Sunday, September 11	11:00am	Paitishahem Gahambar (F) (Lunch)
Friday, September 16	11:00am	Seniors Event
Sunday, September 18	12:00pm	Scouts Group Meeting, Opening Day
Sunday, September 18	2:45pm	Children's Religious Classes (Opening)
Friday, September 30	11:00am	Seniors Event
Friday, September 30	7:00pm	Maidyozarem Gahambar (S) (Dinner)*
October 1 to 2	7:00pm	Scouts OBA Challenge
Saturday, October 1	6:00pm	Jashn-e-Mehergan (F) (Dinner)
Sunday, October 2	12:30pm	Scouts Group Meeting
Sunday, October 2	2:45pm	Children's Religious Classes
Friday, October 7	6:30pm	Avesta Classes – Adults
Friday, October 7	7:00pm	Rustom Guiv Death Anniversary Jashan

Note: All events will be held at Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr unless otherwise specified. ZSO, as publisher, is not responsible for content and support of any flyers not issued by them.

*Those wishing to stay for meals please provide names to Ervad Hoshang Udvadia on 416-499-4957 no later than 2 days prior to the event.

**Please refer to attached flyers for details on these events.

Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr Hours

Mon, Wed	4:30-8:30pm
Tues, Fri, Sat, Sun	9:00am to 12:00pm; 4:30pm to 8:30pm
Thurs	Closed

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Board of Directors Corner

The Annual General Meeting of your society has concluded and we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and deep sense of gratitude to the 2015/16 Board for their hard work, commitment and dedication and express our best wishes to the Board for the year ahead.

As detailed on the first page of this Newsletter, there are several activities and religious events planned at the ZSO over the next several months. Participation is the key to having a successful event. Please therefore come out in large numbers and encourage our numerous volunteers at all events. We also extend an open invitation to all members to assist with the pre Muktaf clean-up of the Dare Mehr scheduled for Sunday, August 7th. Kindly arrive by 10:00 am.

The sacred Muktaf days commence on August 12th and run until the 16th. On the 17th we will bring in the New Year with a Jashan followed by dinner. Another Jashan and dinner is scheduled for Khordad Saal. Please refer to the flyers for these events attached and mail in your cheques if you wish to participate for dinner.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. The Board wishes all a very happy Navroze Mubarak.



Fravardegan Prayers – 2016

A reminder that the annual Muktaf prayers (S) will take place at ZSO from Friday, August 12th to Tuesday, August 16th. Please see attached flyers for details on how to submit names of our dear departed as well as for detailed timings of all prayers.

Any person who would like to help during the Muktaf days should contact Putli Mirza (519-925-0051) or Roshan Rabadi (647-341-6731).

The clean up of the Darbe Mehr prior to Muktaf is on Sunday, August 7. Please contact Khushru Chothia at 647-477-9694 to volunteer and show up in large numbers!

Volunteers both young and old are encouraged to come out and get involved any way you can. Even an hour helping clean our Darbe Mehr will go a long way.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the ZSO was held on Sunday, July 24th at the Darbe Mehr. The following were elected by vote/acclamation to serve on the Board of Directors.

New Directors

Executive Vice-President – Dara Panthakee
Assistant Secretary – Ferozshaw Ogra
Treasurer – Pervin Dordi
Executive Officer – Mitra Jam

The balance of the Board will comprise of:

Incumbent Directors

President – Russi Surti
Vice-President – Vispi Patel
Secretary – Anahita Ogra
Executive Officer – Mashya Amroliwalla
Assistant Treasurer – *Vacant Position*

We thank all members for their comments, views and suggestions and participating actively at the AGM.

We thank Percy Surti, the outgoing member of the Board for his invaluable services to the community. We are confident that he will continue to render his services and experience as he has done in the past.

Cyrus Zandian resigned his position as Assistant Treasurer on the Board at the conclusion of the AGM. We thank him for his hard work and commitment over the past year. This position will be filled by appointment by the Board at its next meeting as provided in the Constitution of ZSO.

Get Published in FEZANA!

Request for Subscriber Articles and a Youth Contest

Send us your anecdotes: Our Fall issue of the Journal will be devoted to "Enjoying your senior years in North America".

Please send us your original poems, anecdotes and humorous quotes entitled "The joys of Grand-children" and "The joys of aging" and so on. Similar titles like "What I didn't know about turning 60 (or 70)" "Becoming a grandparent" will also be welcomed. **The word limit is about 100 words for anecdotes (8-12 lines for poems).** You may also forward humorous cartoons on Aging and seniors.

Youth Contest (under age 16): We also welcome original poems and anecdotes by children under 16 on topics related to grandparents or age. "My Grandma/Grandpa", "Surprises from my grandparents", "When I'm sixty five....", "In the year 2050...". We encourage the gentle use of humour. **(Word limit is ~100 words)** Two prizes of \$25 will be awarded for the best poem and best anecdote. Original entries should be emailed by **August 15, 2016** to nawaz@fezana.org

Multi-generational pictures: We would like to recognize and celebrate our seniors and their contributions to enriching the lives of their families. Therefore send us your photos where multiple generations are included in your picture.

Nawaz Merchant

Guest Editor,
FEZANA Journal, Fall 2016 Issue

2016 Zoroastrian Games – Chicago

The Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) of FEZANA held its bi-annual Zoroastrian Games in Chicago on the July 4th weekend! The Zoroastrian Association of Chicago hosted 200 sports participants, around 400 including spectators, 7 sports events and 3 social nights.

Attendees gathered in Chicago from all over North America, Dubai and Australia. The three days of events were filled with competitions for adults, youth and kids in swimming, track, volleyball, table tennis, tennis and basketball. Ontario had the second largest attendance at the Games this year after California! Ontario was represented in Basketball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Track and Volleyball. Bahram Jam as always was full of energy and had the spectators cheering louder and louder for the participants. He did a great job capturing our Zarathushti spirit at the Games. He participated in almost all the events with the same enthusiasm. Go Bahram!



Sports and competition are a great way to bring people together. These games showed that our Zarathushtis have good sportsmanship, unity and talent in our community. Some competitions like swimming and track were very exciting as the athletic times were very close. Other exciting games were volleyball and basketball finals which were held on the last day and attended by everyone. Toronto, the favourite Volleyball team returned home with a Silver medal. Parvaz, the other Ontario Volleyball team made it to the semi-final round as did Koolak in fourth place. Dhansak It To Me, made it to the quarter final round. Rain Ballers, The Ringer, Two Buck Chucks and Z Games 100 were eliminated in the first and second volleyball pools. In Basketball, Z-United returned with a Gold Medal. Yashaan Mavalvala won a Gold Medal in

Table Tennis and a Bronze Medal in Co-ed 100m relay race. Zamyad Meherji, won a Silver Medal in the Men's 100m race and a Bronze Medal in Table Tennis.

Ontario also had the following participants in a variety of sports: Negar and Nima Azarkeyvan, Mehrnaz Dehmiri, Dinshaw Bharucha, Jimmy Bhesania, Faraz and Farzad Foroughi, Sarishta and Vahishta Katrak, Bahram, Mitra, Nadia, Roxanna and Tara Jam, Anahita and Ardeshir Jamtorki, Afreed Mistry, Danesh and Dilshad Mondegarian, Arvin, Bijan and Niyousha Namdarian, Meher and Shernaz Pavri, Avakhshia Pourbemani, Percy Rajwadewala, Homa Rashidi, Darioush and Taraneh Tahmoureszadeh, Xerxes and Zenia Unwalla.

The social evenings were spent with good food, entertainment and dancing. One evening, all participants were bused to the Chicago Darbe Mehr to see the Atash Dadgah and do a short prayer before tasting all the wonderful delicacies of Chicago like deep dish pizza, hot dogs and Portillo's Italian beef sandwiches. The group was then taken to downtown Chicago for a tour and fireworks.

I do highly encourage everyone to attend a Zoroastrian Games if you get a chance as it's a wonderful experience meeting others with the same passion for sports. For more information on FEZANA or ZSC please visit: www.fezana.org or www.zathletics.com.



Afreed Mistry, FEZANA

Births, Navjotes and Condolences

Births

Baby boy Finnegan Dastoor, born on the 13th of June to proud parents Tineke Keesmaat and Neville Dastoor. Proud grandparents are Sarosh & Noshir Dastoor and Patricia & Ike Keesmaat. Congratulations to the families.

Zoe Ava, a girl, to Anita and Mehrdad Irani on June 20th, 2016. Grand-daughter to Ronny and Delbar Irani and Fredoon and Pervin Khory, great grand-daughter to Sheroo Mistry.

Navjotes

Ashdin Hansotia and Yohan Hansotia on July 1st in Mississauga. Congratulations to the families.

Danika Surkari and Katy Surkari on July 17th in Vaughan. Congratulations to the families.

Condolences

Mrs. Khorshed Khambatta, beloved mother of Zeena Bhathena, mother-in-law of Rushad Bhathena, grandmother of Karl and Kareena Bhathena, **in Mumbai** on Thursday, June 30, 2016. May her soul rest in peace.

Eruch Mahava, husband of Mehru Mahava and father of Zenobia and Percy on July 18th. Father-in-law of Kevlin and Catherine and grandfather to Jaden, Keana, Kalaya and Kaylana. May his soul rest in peace.

Acknowledgements

We thank those who have generously donated Sukhad to the ZSO. As we are low on stocks, we would request members to please bring some upon their return to Toronto. ZSO is prepared to reimburse the cost of the Sukhad for those who wish to do so.

Message from LTPC

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey that was included in our July Newsletter. The committee received responses both online as well as via mail.

Please stay tuned for upcoming dates for an Open House meeting where we will discuss the results of the survey and to facilitate ideas and discussions from the larger community. Please contact Kobad Zarolia for further details or information.

Newsletter Updates

Please note that all requests for inclusions in the ZSO NL should be emailed to newslettereditor@zso.org. Please copy Dara Panthakee at evp@zso.org for approval.

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Membership Fees

Please note that Membership Fees for Apr 2016-Mar 2017 fell due effective 1st April, 2016. For those who have not yet done so, please renew your membership for 2016-17 at your earliest convenience. Your directors will also greatly appreciate your efforts to bring in New Members. For your convenience and ready reference, ZSO's Membership Form is attached.

Seniors Rides

Rides will be available from Brampton and Mississauga on Fridays to attend Seniors Events. Anyone interested, do contact Daulat Divecha @ 647-344-0666 OR Katy Panthakee @ 647-347-3334.

Health and Fitness Classes

Matt and Chair - Yoga Classes:

Held on Wednesday Evenings at the Darbe Mehr from 6:30 – 8:15 pm. For further information, please call Zubin Dotiwalla on (905) 629-2985.

Aerobics Classes:

Held on Tuesday Evenings at the Darbe Mehr starting at 6:30 pm. Please contact Mehrtaj Kaviani for more details.

Sports Nights:

Zoroastrian Youth and adults are invited to join the sports and exercise classes arranged by our Iranian Cultural Kanoun at the Langstaff Community Centre, 155 Maple Red Road, Richmond Hill, ON, L4B 4P9 (Telephone: 905-882-4295). The events and dates for August are given below.

Date	Volleyball - Gym 'C'
3-August	6:30 to 7:30
10-August	6:30 to 7:30
17-August	6:30 to 7:30
24-August	6:30 to 7:30
31-August	6:30 to 7:30

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Contacts:

Emergency situations: Khushru Chothia (416) 677-7555

Messages on the auto-dialer: Dara Panthakee (416) 826-3298 or evp@zso.org

Renting MGDH hall (for post-funeral prayers and rituals or for private functions): Mashya Amroliwalla (647) 285-2105 or execofficer2@zso.org

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