FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday April 4 @ 11:00 am Seniors - Games
@ 7:00 pm Adult Avesta Class
Tuesday April 8 @ 7:00 pm Fraverdegan (F)
Sunday April 13 @ 12:30 pm Scouts
@ 2:45 pm Children’s Religion Class
Friday April 18 @ 11:00 am Seniors - Yoga
Wednesday April 23 @ 7:00 pm Adargan: Atash-nu-Parabh (S)
Sunday April 27 @ 12:30 pm Scouts
@ 2:45 pm Children’s Religion Class
Friday May 2 @ 11:00 am Seniors
@ 7:00 pm Adult Avesta class
Sunday May 4 @ 11:00 am Maidyozarem Gahambar (F)
@ 2:45 pm Children’s Religion Class

Note: In addition to the above, “Self-healing PLM YOGA, an Integrated Mind-Body Wellness Therapy” classes will be held each Wednesday at the Darbe Mehr from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm, except on April 23.

Note: All events will be held at Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr, 3590 Bayview Avenue, unless otherwise specified. ZSO as publisher is not responsible for content and support of any flyers not issued by them.

ZSO MEMBERSHIP FEES:
Please note that ZSO’s fiscal year runs from April to March and that Membership Fees for 2014-2015 are due on April 1, 2014. Members are requested to pay their fees by that date and also request family and friends to join the ZSO. Fee Schedule:

- $100.00 F = Family (married or single, includes children under 18)
- $ 60.00 I = Individual (non-student over age 18)
- $ 30.00 YS = Youth Student (full-time student, age 18 to 25 years)
- $ 30.00 ISR = Individual Senior (age 65 and over)
- $ 50.00 FSR = Family Senior (both spouses age 65 and over)
EXECUTIVE CORNER: Norouzetan Pirooz: The Executive Committee extends to you all a very Happy Norouz. May the New Year be filled with good health, happiness, and prosperity for each and every one of you. May warmth and righteousness fill your hearts and wisdom your minds. Aidoon Baad!

On March 22, 2014, the ZSO’s Entertainment Committee and Kanoun jointly celebrated Norouz with a Persian dinner-dance festivity at Panamonte Banquet Hall. The event was a resounding success with 520 attendees and a significant representation of youths. A live Persian band and awesome DJ music kept everyone moving on the dance floor. A 55" LED TV was the grand prize raffle draw. We look forward to many such joint events and cultural celebrations, and thank all of the organizers, sponsors, advertisers and volunteers for their hard work and efforts.

We take this opportunity to remind all members that the membership fees for the new fiscal year are due and payable at this time. Membership forms, in particular for new members, are enclosed with this newsletter package. For your information, we are working towards facilitating payment of fees online for renewal of memberships, and expect the system to be operating within the next couple of months. Until such time, however, please forward your cheques to the Treasurer, payable to The ZSO.

SMS Messages: Those who wish to receive urgent messages which otherwise would be by way of auto-dialer only, will now have the option of receiving the same by way of SMS/text messages. Please confirm whether you would like SMS/texts and auto-dialer, or only one, in which case which one. Those interested are requested to send their mobile phone numbers to Dara Panthakee at panthakee01@gmail.com.

ZSO Directory: We are pleased to announce that the 2014 Directory of Zoroastrians of Ontario is in process of printing. The delivery is expected in the latter part of April. These Directories will first be sold at $10 each to ZSO members in good standing, one per address. Advertisers will receive one directory free. After fulfilling these requirements, the Directories will be sold at $15 to the other members of our community. Watch out for further announcements.

MARCH 21 JASHAN & DINNER: To celebrate Jamshedi Norouz, a jashan and dinner was held at the Darbe Mehr on Friday, March 21. The evening began with a jashan performed by our esteemed mobeds, Rayomand Antia, Khushroo Bharda, Mehbad Dastur, Kerman Katrak, Cyrus Panthakee, Hoshang Udvadia, and new navar Xerxes Dastur. The jashan attendees were then led in prayer by Kerman.

Following the jashan, Sam Vesuna and Bahram Bahrami were each presented with an award of appreciation for their longstanding commitment and volunteer services to our community. We thank Sam and Bahram for their dedication! Delicious bhonu was catered by Taronish Food Services. Thank you to Hormuzd and Khushamin Chothia for your hard work in preparing the dinner that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ZSO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee of the ZSO is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Daraius M. Bharucha as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Daraius is no stranger to our community having served in the past as President of ZSO. He is also a national award winning educator with experience and expertise in the field of education and management.

The Scholarship Committee will be responsible for overseeing and managing the scholarship application program for the Society. Forms for the inaugural ZSO Academic and Community Service Excellence Award for High School Students, approved by the membership at the last Annual General Meeting, will be available shortly on ZSO’s website.

The deadline for this year’s scholarship application is July13, 2014. Members who have questions about the scholarship application process are requested to e-mail the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Daraius Bharucha, at xermgr@rogers.com.
ENTERPRISE DUBAI BUSINESS CONTEST: Enterprise Dubai presents a business competition for individuals or teams with ideas for starting a business, product line or service. Entrants can come from any industry, and all businesses must be for profit. The contest is looking for innovative ideas. Interested applicants must apply by July 31, 2014. For more information, please visit www.wzcongress.org/enterprisedubai.

OBITUARY: Bomy Boyce (83) passed away on December 23, 2013. He was born in Mumbai and was married to Dina Bilimoria. Together they had two children, Jamshed Boyce and Phee Vania, and two granddaughters, Alison Boyce and Diana Vania. Bomy was extremely involved in and committed to the Zoroastrian community as a driving force in the establishment of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario, President of the ZSO, and in more recent years, worldwide President of the World Zarathushhti Chamber of Commerce. He was constantly striving to enhance our community’s profile and prospects. In his long and successful career, he espoused a global business environment years before others did, helping companies expand internationally and facilitating technology and knowledge transfer between continents.

Bomy loved to travel and developed long-lasting friendships with people from around the world. He was always compassionate towards others and believed that any opportunity to help someone was an obligation to help. Bomy was especially eager to help youth fund their education, find a job, or start their own business. He had a tremendous influence on those around him and was very respected and admired by all who knew him. Bomy was self-sufficient, fair, compassionate, and loving, and he left behind a powerful legacy of leadership and service.

NORIA FAMILY FELICITATION: Farokh and Dhun Noria have always given back, constantly aiming to better their community. Through volunteering with the ZSO and her career at The Scarborough Hospital, Dr. Dhun Noria has demonstrated great leadership and dedication. Continuing with the tradition of giving back and helping others, the Noria family recently presented a donation of $1 million to The Scarborough Hospital Foundation. In honour of the generous donation, the laboratories at The Scarborough Hospital have been named the Farokh and Dhun Noria Laboratory. In recognition of Dhun’s outstanding contributions to the Toronto community as a physician, philanthropist, and leader, she has also been named the recipient of this year’s Scarborough World Gala Lifetime Achievement Award. The community congratulates the Noria family on their many achievements and contributions.

RETURN TO ROOTS: The inaugural Zoroastrian Return to Roots (RTR) trip took place from December 24, 2013 – January 6, 2014 in India. Working under the auspices of the UNESCO Parzor Foundation, RTR reconnects Zoroastrian youth in the diaspora with their Indian and Iranian origins. During the first Roots trip, youth from Canada, USA, UK, and Pakistan travelled through Mumbai and Gujarat to experience the history and culture of our Parsi ancestors.

Visiting agiaries and Atash Behrams allowed Fellows to experience our religious practices and customs, while learning about the history of valued Parsi establishments (such as the Taj Hotel, Britannia Restaurant, Meherjirana Library) enabled participants to appreciate the positive influence the Parsis have had on India’s development. Through the program, participants gained a deeper understanding of Zoroastrianism, a sense of community and identity, an expanded network of motivated and like-minded Zoroastrians, and a desire to contribute and give back to our community.

This program is an essential step to maintaining our Zoroastrian values, ideas, and traditions for future generations. RTR Fellows hope that more Zoroastrian youth are able to engage in future trips. The Roots program has been generously sponsored by donors from our global community. If you are interested in supporting us or in becoming a Fellow on the next trip (end of 2014), please visit www.zororoots.org.

(Contributed by Diana Vania who represented the ZSO on the RTR trip to India in Dec 2013)

100 TORONTO SCOUT GROUP: The Scout group kept up with the festive tradition and celebrated Norouz on March 23 at the Darbe Mehr. 75 scouts, leaders and parents were kept busy playing games, watching videos on Norouz festivities, etc. organized by Khushamin Chothia. All present were treated to a delicious lunch of sabzi-pulao, ghermeh, kabobs and falooda prepared by Shiraz Tampil and Kersi Khambatta. On other dates, scouts were busy
with Scoutcraft and are looking forward to the first ever **Joint Link Camp** where scouts and leaders from both 100 Oakville and 100 Toronto will spend the weekend 4th to 6th April camping at the OZCF grounds in Oakville.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- In an attempt to saving postage and paper, the ZSO is requesting those who do not wish to receive the Newsletter by mail and are prepared to accept the same on-line only, to please email with your full name to secretary@zso.org.

- The ZSO requests persons coming from India to please bring with them at least 1kg of **sukhar** to replenish the stock at our Darbe Mehr. The ZSO will gladly pay for the **sukhar**.

- Traditional wood **paatlaas** (made without nails) and German silver **ses** polishing services are available for a nominal fee right here in the GTA. Please contact Pervez Masani @ (416) 282-2615.

- Those interested in attending dinner after the **Adargan: Atash-nu-Parabh (S) jashan** on April 23, please contact Ervad Hoshang Udwadia at (416) 499-4957 at least 4 days prior to the event.

- **Post-Funeral Prayers:** For renting the MGDM Hall and Dadgah for post-funeral prayers and rituals, there is a charge of $100.00 per day.

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- For messages on the auto-dialer, please contact Anahita Ogra at (647) 404-1388 or Mehbod Dastur at (416) 235-2627.

- For bookings of private functions or special events at the Darbe Mehr, please contact Meherwan Wadia at ExecOfficer2@zso.org or (416) 455-6514.

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- APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP
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Are you a member of any Zoroastrian Organization which belongs to FEZANA

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- Yes
- No

If Yes, then my ZSO Membership is

- Primary
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
- Yangtze River cruise
- Great Wall of China
- Forbidden City
- Terra Cotta Warriors
- Garden City of Suzhou
- Local Cuisine and Shows

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Day 3 / May 16: Beijing
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Day 4 / May 17: Beijing
Stroll along the mighty Great Wall then have locally flavored lunch. On the way back take a photo stop at the Olympic sites, where you will see the Bird Nest Stadium and Water Cube Aquatic Centre. Visit the Cloisonné Factory to experience the art of Chinese pottery-making and go on a Hutong tour by pedi-cab, driving through the ancient streets and residential areas to see the daily life of local people. Overnight at 5-Star Marriott City Wall Hotel (B/L/D)

Day 5 / May 18: Beijing-Yichang
After breakfast, transfer to airport for your flight to Yichang (Lunch in flight). Arrive in the afternoon & early morning. Enjoy the stunning scenery as you sail through the ancient streets and residential areas to see the daily life of local people. Overnight at the 5-Star Golden Flower by Shangri-La Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 6 / May 19: Yangtze River Cruise
Participate in guided Tai Chi session on the sun deck early morning. Enjoy the stunning scenery as you sail through Xiling Gorge. Embark on a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam Site, the largest water conservancy project undertaken by man. Later, 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 20: 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 21: 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 with sheer cliffs on the north bank. (B/L/D)

Day 9 / May 22: Chongqing – Xian by flight
As the cruise ends, you will disembark in Chongqing Pier. Upon arrival you will visit the Erling Park and the Flying Tiger Museum. After lunch you will be transferred to the airport and fly to Xian. Tour the Wild Goose Pagoda and the ancient City Wall. Overnight at the 5-Star Golden Flower by Shangri-La Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 10 / May 23: Xian
Explore the famous Terra Cotta Museum where you will see the mighty terra cotta warriors. Lunch features local cuisine. En-route visit the amazing Lacquer ware Furniture Store. In the evening, watch an amazing Tang Dynasty Dinner Show. Dinner includes four varieties of specialty dumplings. (B/L/D).

Day 11 / May 24: Xian - Shanghai by flight
Take a morning flight to Shanghai. Visit the Orient TV Tower, Yu Garden and the Bund. Western dinner will be arranged at the hotel. Optional: Acrobatic Show available. Stay at 5-Star Renaissance Yangtze Hotel for three nights. (B/L/D)

Day 12 / May 25: Shanghai-Suzhou
Coach to Suzhou, the 'Venice of the East'. Visit the Master of Nets Garden and take a boat ride on the Grand Canal. Visit Silk Factory and Workshop Back to Shanghai and join in the farewell dinner. Stay at 5-Star Renaissance Yangtze Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 13 / May 26: Shanghai
Free day to explore Shanghai or enjoy a shopping spree and sight-seeing at your leisure. Optional tours will be offered. (B)

Day 14 / May 27: Shanghai - Toronto
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