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**This event will be held at the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Avenue in Thornhill

**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.

**Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr Hours**

- **Monday**: 4:30 to 8:30pm
- **Tuesday**: 9:00am to 12:00pm; 4:30 to 8:30pm
- **Wednesday**: 9:00am to 12:00pm
- **Thursday**: Closed
- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday**: 9:00am to 12:00pm; 4:30 to 8:30pm
Executive Committee Corner

We are pleased to inform you that the entire Board of the OZCF and your Executive Committee met, at our invitation, for a working dinner at the Darbe Mehr at the end of September. This was the first meeting of its kind with the Board of the OZCF, welcomed by all, and envisioned to pave the road to a united community. The purpose of the meeting included identifying and discussing areas and ways whereby both organizations could work in concert with each other for the benefit of all members of the community. Measures have already been initiated on matters relating to communications, seniors, and entertainment. More areas of interest will be added in due course. OZCF Board has graciously invited your EC for a follow up meeting to review the progress on some of these initiatives in the 2nd quarter of 2015.

One of the initiatives discussed with OZCF was the avoidance, by both organizations, of holding major events on the same day in order to allow for increased attendance. Accordingly, the ZSO will be promoting all events to our members, starting with the OZCF New Year's Eve gala. The flyer for the event is attached. Please support the event and bring in the New Year with a bang. We are looking to facilitate transportation for the evening and will keep you posted.

The Volunteer's Appreciation dinner at the ZSO to honour and thank our numerous volunteers who sacrifice their time, energy, skills, and family life was a tremendous success. Words seem inadequate to express our sincere thanks and deep sense of gratitude to all our volunteers, no matter how small or large the volunteer task. We are indeed blessed at the ZSO to have them all amongst our midst. We, however, can never have enough volunteers and would encourage you to volunteer your time or services to your community. Please do not hesitate to contact one of your EC members to announce your availability. We would be ever so grateful.

We thank Kerman Katrak and his volunteers for a great Sports Night event at the DM. The hall was full to capacity with young and old trying their hands at table tennis, carom, and cards, or just intermingling. The food, music and celebrations all added to a great show.

Finally, your current EC, after coming in to office in July 2014, has been hard at work to move the major Renovation Project forward. The preliminary work is being conducted and we are hopeful that the construction work will commence before the end of October. After all the hard work put in by the Renovation subcommittee, your EC, the Architect, and various engineers, it is distressing and disappointing to see certain emails being exchanged amongst the community. In the interest of transparency, fairness, and obtaining the best value for the community, the EC placed the task of inviting bids for the work and the recommendation for the selection of the contractor to the Architect, an arm’s length party. The Architect, upon receipt of the various sealed bids, which were opened at the DM with the bidders present, completed a comprehensive due diligence and made a recommendation to the EC of the contractor that provided the best value for the project. The EC considered and accepted the Architect’s recommendation, after which the winning bidder was identified.

As a reminder, the following work will be involved on the renovation project: the area from the existing serving area in the main hall right up to the exterior west wall will comprise the new, expanded and improved kitchen with new appliances and pantry; the existing kitchen will be converted into two washrooms; a new coat closet will be built at the northwest corner of the building and adjacent to that will be the storage area for chairs and tables with sliding/collapsible doors; the main west entrance doors will be replaced by automatic sensor driven sliding doors; the washrooms in the basement will be expanded and renovated.

We will need many volunteers to assist in emptying out the work areas so that the work can begin. All items will have to be moved around the perimeter of the main hall, mostly along the north wall. Please respond to our call for volunteers that will be made at the appropriate time by email, text, and voice mail.

Please note that while construction is in progress, the DM will remain open for most activities and events. The only caveat is that washrooms in the basement and ground level and the kitchen will not be available. Our recently fully renovated washrooms on the 2nd floor are available for use. Due to insurance and safety considerations, no one is permitted in the renovation areas until the work has been completed. Please exercise extreme caution during your visits to the DM.

Thank you to all members for your continued support.
Parliament of the World’s Religions
The Parliament of the World's Religions invites proposals for programs for presentations at the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 15-19, 2015. The theme of the 2015 Parliament is Reclaiming the Heart of Our Humanity: Working Together for a World of Compassion, Peace, Justice, and Sustainability. The purpose of this gathering is to support relationships, connections, and inspired calls to action which can then ripple out from the Parliament into hundreds of grassroots organizations, networks, and communities. Program types may include: lecture, academic paper, seminar, panel discussion, religious observance, workshop, training session, or artistic performance. Proposal submissions are due January 1, 2015. For more information, please visit www.parliamentofreligions.org.

Basketball/Volleyball
Weekly basketball and volleyball sessions will be held for youth and adults on Saturdays and Sundays at the Langstaff Community Centre. For more information, please contact beheshtehfaramarzi@yahoo.com or Atoosa at AsstTreasurer@zso.org.

Christmas Bazaar
Jamva Chaloji Christmas Bazaar will be held at the OZCF on November 30th from 10am–2pm. For more information, contact ozcfentertainment@gmail.com or Jeroo Madan at (289) 997-6800.

Zoroastrian Return to Roots
Zoroastrian Return to Roots (RTR) is a youth-led initiative that aims to reconnect Zoroastrian youth in the diaspora with their Indian and Iranian origins. Applications for the next RTR trip in March 2015 are now open. Roots Fellows will visit historic and cultural Zoroastrian sites in Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, and Gujarat with world-renowned experts and local guides explaining the cultural, religious and economic significance of the sites being visited.

Participants will gain 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.

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, please visit www.zororoots.org. Please also feel free to contact Diana Vania, 2013 Roots Fellow, at dianakvania@gmail.com for more information about the trip.

Sports Night
Under the umbrella of the ZSO Entertainment Committee, the Sports Night on October 11th was truly an evening to remember. The hall was packed with people, mostly youth, who took swings with their table tennis rackets and took aims with their strikers at carom. With a variety of Persian and Indian culinary, the food was delicious and there were second and third servings to fill up the appetite of all. Numerous birthday celebrants for the month of October were honored and three huge birthday cakes were cut and served along with ice cream & sev (vermicelli). And then the lights got dim and Top Canadian Entertainers took the stage for a performance which was beyond imagination, after which the congregation got on the dance floor and danced with the professional music of our DJ. Thanks to all volunteers and helpers who turned this evening into a spectacular event.

Mosaic Interfaith Event
The Mosaic interfaith event of Sunday October 19th – Martin Luther King's speech 'I have a dream' 50 years later – was attended by about 50 people of diverse faiths. There were speakers representing Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and Zoroastrianism. Dr. Jehan Bagli represented the Zoroastrian faith. In his talk, he elaborated that although progress was made in understanding the equality among mankind, world has been thrown into chaos by the rise in discrimination due to differences in spiritual beliefs, and that peace in the world is far from being real, due to the extremism enforced of certain individuals and groups. Many speakers stressed how various faiths can come together with the commonalities and break down the barriers of differences by augmenting deeper understanding of diverse faiths. One point was becoming loud and clear and that was what Zarathushtra conveyed some 3500 years ago: there is but one God, and all faiths recognize and understand the same divine entity by different names. The meeting ended with breaking of the bread with invocation from all participating faith groups.

100 Toronto – First Zoroastrian Scout Group
100 Toronto Scout Group held its first regular meeting of the Scout Year on September 14th at the Darbe Mehr. There were a number of "swim-ups" from Beavers to Cubs, from Cubs to Scouts, and from Scouts to Venturers. In addition, the group welcomed some newcomers to some of the sections. On the weekend of September 26-28th, six Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts partook in the Dorchester International Cubs Camporee (DICC) along with over 1,000 participants. The theme was Lego. Cubs got hands on in every way on most Lego toys and variations that Lego offers. There were also obstacle courses, a campfire evening, dessert contest, Scouts’ Own, and all the Scouting Traditions that always make this camp interesting, educational, and tons of fun for our children. The weather was perfect, and with two of our Scouts taking part it was a bonus as they assisted and helped around with great responsibility. The Group Committee specially recognizes the dedication of our Cub Leaders Hormuzd Chothia and Mashya Amroliwalla, who sacrificed a Navjote, ZSO's Volunteers felicitation and other events to take care of our youth at the camp.

October 17-19th saw our cute Beavers and Cubs brave the cold weather to participate in the annual Apple Day fundraiser, duly assisted by some of our Leaders and parents. The Scout Group's Silver Anniversary Committee continues to focus on further celebratory events including a Joint Link Camp with 100 Oakville at our Darbe Mehr sometime in May, and a Valentine Dance or Lagan Patraa-nu-Bhonoo as soon as the renovations at the Darbe Mehr are complete.
The ZSO Helping Hands Committee is actively looking for volunteers. As our community ages, we have a growing need to help support seniors to living in the community independently. Volunteers are needed to help drive seniors to appointments and to visit seniors who would benefit from some extra company. Please email zenobia_homavazir@hotmail.com or call (416) 833-8769 for more information.

### Notification of Address Change

Please note the following address change:

Fawaz & Pooja Rustomji  
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If you would like your new address or phone number to be updated in the ZSO newsletter, please email the editors.

### Directory for Zoroastrians of Ontario

The new 2014 ZSO Telephone Directory is out and has been well received. Directories will be available for purchase at most ZSO functions at the Darbe Mehr for the next few months ($10 for members, $15 for non-members).

### ZSO Website

Our ZSO website is now live and can accept memberships online. Please sign up online with your credit card to avoid the hassle of mailing in the cheques. The site is also set up to receive donations. Through this site you can manage your own profile and select your choice of communication methods (auto-dialer, SMS, email).

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

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بازگشت به ریشه
"بازگشت رزمندگان به ریشه" (Zoroastrian Return to Roots (RTR)) یک برنامه اختصاصی برای فرزندان اتاق‌های ایرانیان زرتشتی انتاریو است که در سال ۱۳۹۹ و در هفته نوروز به اجرا درآمد. برنامه این روش برای رفع نیازهای فرهنگی و عاطفی ایجاد شده است که به اجتناب از تنش‌های فرهنگی می‌پردازد و به گفتگوی تمام افراد در زمینه‌های مختلف می‌پردازد.

در این پروژه، به افراد از جمله افرادی که بعد از پیشنهاد با مادر و پدرشان توسط ایده‌های مذهبی و فرهنگی به ماژوریتی می‌پردازد، اطلاعاتی در مورد معتقدات مذهبی خودشان و مردمانی که با آنها جابجا شده‌اند می‌دهد.

در طول هفته زمان‌هایی برای برگزاری همایش‌های مختلف فراهم می‌شود. این همایش‌ها شامل تجربه‌های مختلفی از جمله دیدار با معلمان و کانون‌های مذهبی، دیدار با رهبران مذهبی و نیز دیدار با افرادی که پیش از این به کشور به سیرت انتقال داده‌اند. راه‌حل‌های مختلفی مطرح می‌شوند که به این شکل که افراد می‌توانند در آن‌ها از راه‌حل‌های مختلفی استفاده کنند.

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حشن آذرگان

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مشترک هود را نشان دهد!

انگهنه گاه‌‌نشین هرمان زرتشتیان انتشار طرازی آرم (LOGO) هرمان را در بین همکاران به مسابقه انتخاب کننده است. اخیرین زمان برای ارسال طرح‌ها ساعت ۲۴:۵۹ روز ۳۱ اکتبر می‌باشد.

پس از آن رابط بارهای برگرفت توسط همکاران به صورت آنلاین انتخاب خواهد شد. به دین تنها که تمام طرح‌ها از تاریخ ۱۰ آبان به روز گیری به تیم انتخاب خواهد شد. بیشترین طرح را انتخاب می‌کند می‌باشد (www.zso.org).

و پس از انتخاب سال نهایی میلادی و استفاده هرمانی فاصله می‌گذارد. باز که رای طرح نشان‌دهنده که باید کنند، راهی که به همکاران و هرمان زرتشتیان می‌باشد را برگردید و مشترک هود را در امور هرمان نشنده.
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