What’s New Pres?

The Board extends a warm welcome to Hoofrish Patel (EVP), Afshin Homaie (Treasurer) and Mahshad Khosraviani (Executive Officer 1) as they commence their two-year terms and sincerely thanks outgoing Directors Afreed Mistry (EVP), Artadner Farhadi (Treasurer) and Roozbeh Farhadi (Executive Officer 1) for their immense contributions to the community as well as helping make the transition to the new Board members as smooth as possible.

Fifty is a big number – yes this was ZSO’s 50th Annual General Meeting – and on behalf of the Board, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for attending the very first hybrid online and in-person AGM! I would like to sincerely acknowledge the efforts of Afreed Mistry, Meherwan Wadia, Pedram Yazdani and Farrah Cooper for their extraordinary efforts to smoothly manage the online resources required for the meeting. Kudos to everyone on the Board, Committees and Scrutineers who helped conduct the AGM smoothly. Above all, the Board thanks members for their attendance, contributions, support and encouragement @AGM#50! The AGM report is below.

Towards the conclusion of the AGM and as we were unable to do so earlier (typically after the Nowrooz Jashan in March and August) due to the prevailing circumstances, the Board was happy to recognize the volunteer services of Pedram Yazdani and Fravash Chothia for their immense contributions to the IT and Youth Committees, respectively. Pedram and Fravash played pivotal roles in helping ZSO conduct several online activities for all – both religious and entertainment – and drove up youth engagement. They each received a copy of the book “Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind” as a token of appreciation for their selfless service. We are sure their work will inspire many others like them and foster the next generation of leaders in the Zoroastrian community! Congrats Pedram and Fravash and do let us know how the book turns out!

It’s October and time to celebrate Mehregan! Look for details in the Newsletter and online.

A sincere appeal: if you have not yet renewed your membership for the year 2020-21, please do so now and encourage your family, friends and contacts in Ontario to join ZSO. Start at: www.zso.org and contact Zamyad Meherji assstsecretary@zso.org in case you have any questions. Now more than ever ZSO needs your support. We are stronger together!

As we near a month since schools re-opened, there is cautious optimism. While many youth are happy to go back to school after a prolonged break, there is once again a rising number of COVID-19 cases resulting in the Province further tightening restrictions, making it too early to tell how the rest of the year will unfold. We will continue to monitor and communicate updates to members. Please also check the website www.zso.org often.

Till next month, please keep safe and healthy and contact the Board in case of any questions.

Tandarosti,

Mashya Amroliwalla
President
As a reminder, the MGDM is now open for visits with below revised hours of operation:

**Tuesday 5pm - 8pm**  
**Saturday 9am - 12pm**

All visits to the MGDM remain by appointment only and MUST be booked in advance by contacting evp@zso.org OR asstsecretary@zso.org and receiving a confirmation. Please note, if you show up at the Darbe Mehr without a confirmed appointment time - your entry may be denied.

Here is what is allowed as per the COVID-19 Guidelines for stage 3 according to the health and city requirements:

1. Participation of religious services limited to 50 people including the priest(s), COVID-19 dedicated volunteers and cleaning crew  
2. Drop in visits to the MGDM are by appointment ONLY - contact evp@zso.org or asstsecretary@zso.org to book your visit  
3. Wedding ceremonies are permitted following the guidelines  
4. Wearing a non-medical mask/face covering is mandatory  
5. Maintain a social distance of two meters/six feet  
6. Bring your own prayer book and head covering  
7. Follow entry and exit signs  
8. Use the online self-assessment tool before every visit to the MGDM  
9. Visitors must self-screen with the ZSO volunteer present when entering the MGDM at each visit. The volunteer will record the date, their name and contact information (phone and/or email) and that will only be used for contact tracing for COVID-19 purposes and will only be kept on file for 30 days.  
10. Click here for more details on reopening of **Faith Based Organizations in the City of Toronto**.

**Suspended Services:**

1. Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains suspended  
2. Navjote and other close contact activities  
3. Consumption of food and drink remains suspended  
4. Indoor singing, use of instruments and choir service  
5. Sharing and distribution of materials and objects such as books, scarves, caps, water, etc.  
6. Avoid opportunities for the virus to spread through touch, either directly or indirectly through surfaces and objects, including objects that may be used in rituals or ceremonies.

We continue to encourage all our members to watch our prayers online.

Please subscribe to the ZSO YouTube channel at the following link and turn notifications ON to be alerted of all upcoming events.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3aC8WOPppyeQFjcTcFcaGQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3aC8WOPppyeQFjcTcFcaGQ)

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**CONDOLENCES**

ZSO Annual General Meeting

The 50th Annual General Meeting of the ZSO was held at the Darbe Mehr on Sunday, September 20th at 11:00 am. The meeting was well attended virtually with 44 members online via ZOOM and phone, 17 in person and an additional 10 by proxies.

All the items on the agenda were discussed in a meaningful and constructive manner and were voted on by the members. The ZSO financial statements were approved by a majority of the members.

For the position of Treasurer, no additional nominations had been received by the deadline so Afshin Homaie was acclaimed.

The 2020-2021 Board of Directors are as follows:

- President: Mashya Amroliwalla – 2nd year of 2-year term
- Vice-President: Anahita Ogra – 2nd year of 2-year term
- Executive Vice-President: Hoofrish Patel – 1st year of 2-year term
- Treasurer: Afshin Homaie – 1st year of 2-year term
- Assistant Treasurer: Mehrnaz Dehmiri – 2nd year of 2-year term
- Secretary: Armaity Bamji – 2nd year of 2-year term
- Assistant Secretary: Zamyad Meherji – 1st year of 2-year term
- Executive Officer 1: Mahshad Khosraviani – 1st year of 2-year term
- Executive Officer 2: Dara Panthakee – 2nd year of 2-year term

Congratulations to all the new Board members!

A special thank you to outgoing board members Afreed Mistry, Roozbeh Farhadi and Artadner Farhadi for their important contributions to the community! We look forward to many more collaborations.

Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Crisis – Lord Karan Bilimoria

Join Lord Karan Bilimoria on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 am EST for a talk on the business impacts of the COVID crisis in the United Kingdom.

Click below Zoom link to join webinar: https://zoom.us/j/8487251418

ZSO – Academic and Community Award Winner

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 recipient – Varun Shroff! Varun is the son of Ruzbe and Zarir Shroff and older brother to Malcom.

The Board wishes to thank the ZSO Scholarship Committee for their diligence at selecting this year's winner.

Jashn-E-Mehrgan – Livestream

The Kanoun group have scheduled a live-stream for Saturday, Oct 3, 2020 for Jashn-E-Mehrgan. We look forward to seeing you online as per the details below:

Title: Jashn-E-Mehrgan
Date: Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
Link: https://youtu.be/Z78u2rsc2WM
The results for the Drawing Contest-1 is in. The contestants submitted drawings visualizing the story "A Bumpy Road to Happiness" (available on [http://www.czc.org/contest](http://www.czc.org/contest)).

It was a very close contest hence room for Honorable Mention and Organizer's Choice. The drawings were divided into two groups per judges’ decision 8-12 years old and 15-18 years old.

Announcing with pleasure:

8-12 years old group:
**Winner: Mr. Zeyus Spenta** from Vancouver, Canada
Prize: $50
**Honorable mention: Ms. Delna Surveyor** from Tomball, TX
Prize: $30

15-18 years old group:
**Winner: Ms. Arnaz S. Irani** from Sugarland, TX
Prize: $50
**Organizer’s choice: Ms. Sofia Gevorgian** from Encino, CA
Prize: $30

Please visit [https://www.czc.org/drawing-contest2020](https://www.czc.org/drawing-contest2020) to view all the submitted drawings.

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FEZANA – Gathas Essay Competition

**ESSAY CONTEST “How Zarathushtra’s teachings in the Gathas guided me in choosing a right path that led me to a right decision to do a good deed.”**

FEZANA is initiating an essay contest for the youth and the young adult Zarthushtis living in North America, in one of the three age categories: 13-18, 19-24, and 25-30. The topic for the essay is “How Zarathushtra’s teachings in the Gathas guided me in choosing a right path that led me to a right decision to do a good deed.”

You may write about a certain Hā in the Gathas and/or a specific teaching of Zarthushtra that inspired you to do a good deed.

There will be a prize of $250 for the best essay in each of the age categories. A panel of three judges will review all submitted essays. The winning essays will be printed in the Spring 2021 issue of the FEZANA journal.

We invite you to please let us know by **September 30, 2020** of your intention on participating in this essay contest. The deadline for the submission of your essay, not exceeding **500 words**, is **December 1, 2020**.

Please contact Jamshid Goshtasbi @ jamshidgg@yahoo.com for more details or to express your interest in submitting an article.
Newsletter Requests

Please note that the deadline for receiving submissions for the ZSO newsletter is the 20th of each preceding month. Any materials received after this date will be published on a best-effort basis.

Editor: Armaity Bamji (newslettereditor@zso.org)

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

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- Please copy Mashya Amroliwalla at president@zso.org for approval
Renting MGDM hall (for post-funeral prayers/rituals or for private functions): Hoofrish Patel at evp@zso.org

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گهنبرگ چهره ایسرم گاه

مراسم گهنبرگ‌نوین چهره ایسرم گاه در روز پیشینه 11 اکتبر (Sun. Oct. 11th) در ساعت 13:00 با مجازات در درب مهر مهربان کیو برگزار می‌شود. با توجه به شرایط کنونی و محدودیت های بهداشتی کورونا -19، مراسم اوسان فوانی آن همزمان از کانال یوتیوب انجمن زرتشتیان انتاریو برای همکیشان پخش می‌شود. برای دسترسی روز این لینک کلیک نمایید:

https://youtu.be/0xZ_qIRTeFQ

همما زور بیم و هما زور هما اشه بیم.

ورزش و سلامتی

با توجه به در فوآست ورزش بهداشت کانادا و به منظور ملکگری از کسترش وپروس کروم در بین افراد جامعه همه گردنهایی ها و رویدادهای ورزشی برگزار نفاهام شد. امید داریم که با همکاری و رعایت دستورالعمل‌های بهداشتی، هر چه زودتر این بیماری را به دنیای کار و دوباره با سلامتی به دور هم گرد ایم.

گردنهای ماهیانه بالاون

با توجه به در فوآست ورزش بهداشت کانادا و به منظور ملکگری از کسترش وپروس کروم در بین افراد جامعه همه گردنهایی ها و رویدادهای ورزشی برگزار نفاهام شد.

канال تنگارم کانون فرهنگی (زرتشتیان انتاریو)

کانون فرهنگی (زرتشتیان انتاریو) در راستای هماهنگی و به روی رسانه هماهنگان (جامعه) کانال تنگارم را راه اندازی نموده است. از این همکاران، خواهشمندیم تا در مهت کسترش نمودن این کانال لینک و نشان این درک را به دوستان، آشناان و هواستان دیگر آگاهی سرانه نمایید. متشکل شوهد، می‌شود بهkanoun@zso.org پیام می‌رساند.

https://t.me/zsokanoun

ارسال فمایل‌های

چشن آبانگان بر همه همکیشان خجسته باد
سفنی با شما

دهش و نیکوکاری یکی از ارکان دین زرتشتی می‌باشد. هر فرد زرتشتی تلاش می‌کند تا هر چند کوچک امر نیک دهش و نیکوکاری را در زندگی فواد نهاده دهد.

گهنبار، مهلکی‌ترین و زیبایی از سنت‌های زرتشتی است که در ایران باستان به‌وجود آمده است. یکی از ارکان دین زرتشتی می‌باشد.

کهنبار یا "گاه‌نگار" زمان برداشت محصولات کشاورزی و زمان انبار کردن آنها برای ماه‌های پیش رو بوده است. این جشن با اوستا فوانی و شکر کاری از امروزگان همراه بوده و در کنار آن با خیرات و دهش به دیگران و مستمدهان انجام می‌دهند. از پیش دیگر، دلیل برای کردن همایش همکمیتراز، مشاوره و همیاری در امور یکدیگر می‌باشد.

به رسم این مراسم و سنت می‌باشد که می‌پذیرد زرتشتیان کانونی در گهنبارها خیرات انجام می‌دهند. این خیرات در مکانهای مختلف به روش‌های کوناکونا انجام می‌گیرد. برای نمونه در ایران خیرات و پذیرایی با میوه‌های فشک (لُرک)، میوه‌های یا پا دان تنوری انجام می‌شود. و در کشورهای دیگر مانند کانادا/امریکا که در سالهای اخیر شاهد مهارت کشت روز ازترشتنی از دیگر جشن‌های بوده است، گهنبارها هم یکی از مراسم‌های بوده که همکمیتراز کردن هم آن‌ها و دیگر افراد آنان بوده است. در کنار مراسم اوستا فوانی و شکر کاری، دیداری با دیگر همکمیتراز، باشند. به این دلیل خیرات آن با پذیرایی با غذاهای کرم همراه بوده است.

در زمان کانون که مراسم کیتی کرکنار بیماری کوید-19 و محدودیت‌های آن شده، کهنبارها هم محدودتر شده اند. برای نمونه در تورنتو دیگر همکمیتراز نمی‌توانند در ماه مهر به‌کار گیرند که می‌تواند به مناسبت مراسم کهنبار را با آن شکوه همیشگی برگزار نمایند. ولی برای یکی از دو همکمیتراز در کنار مراسم اوستا فوانی و شکر کاری، با دیگر همکمیتراز باشند. به این دلیل خیرات آن با پذیرایی با غذاهای کرم همراه بوده است.

انجمن زرتشتیان انتاریو به صورت زنده برای همگان پخش می‌کرده. از سوی دیگر، نیکوکاری یکی از ارکان دین زرتشتی می‌باشد. هر فرد زرتشتی تلاش می‌کند تا هر چند کوچک امر نیک دهش و نیکوکاری را در زندگی فواد نهاده دهد.

از سوی دیگر، نیکوکاری یکی از ارکان دین زرتشتی می‌باشد. هر فرد زرتشتی تلاش می‌کند تا هر چند کوچک امر نیک دهش و نیکوکاری را در زندگی فواد نهاده دهد.

اکثر عواملی که این سنت زیبای دهش و نیکوکاری همچنان در بین زرتشتیان و به مناسبت های کوناکون در کهنبارها و دیگر مسیر ها پا به مانند.
ESSAY CONTEST

Topic: What do you consider the most important element in a happy family? Why? How does it relate to the teachings of Zarathushtra in the Gathas?
Due Date: January 15, 2021

First Place: 300 dollars
Second place: 200 dollars
Third place: 100 dollars
Winning essays will be published in collaboration with FEZANA Journal and Chehreh Nama Magazine

Criteria:
Age between 11-14
700-900 words max
Word Document file only

Sponsored by Fatane Farid Fund
Rubric and topic information as described in the Gathas are provided on czc.org/contest
Submit your essays online at website czc.org/contest or email Zessaventry@yahoo.com
By submitting, you agree for the essay contest organizer to publish or use your essay in any desired form.
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SHORT STORY ESSAY

Topic: Spenta Mainyu, progressive mentality is promoting spiritual and/or material improvement at a personal, family, community, or global level. This can be achieved by one or many individuals. Write a story centered around the main character or characters using Spenta Mainyu.

First Place: 300 dollars
Second place: 200 dollars
Third place: 100 dollars

Due Date: January 15, 2021

Criteria:
Age between 13-18
1000-2000 words max
Word Document file only

Sponsored by Parimarz Firoozgar
Rubric and topic information as described in the Gathas are provided on czc.org/contest
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Address: ___________________________________________  Apartment/Suite#

City: __________  Province: _________  Postal Code: __________

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Email: __________________________  Age: _________  Signature __________________________

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NEW MEMBERS must be introduced by two ZSO members in good standing and approved by the ZSO Board of Directors (BOD).

Existing ZSO Member

Print Full Name __________________________

Signature __________________________

Existing ZSO Member

Print Full Name __________________________

Signature __________________________

Approved by the ZSO BOD

☐Yes  ☐No

Signature __________________________