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Welcome fellow Zarthushti's

Hello everybody,

Just a few words to launch our first news letter of the community, we want to use this to keep in touch with all the members.

A big thanks must go to Nadir and Mojgan, for taking the initiative and responsibility to do start this newsletter and to Mojgan, for not giving up and re-re-reminding me to write this short letter.

We from the committee ask for your feedback and participation in adding to the content of the future letters, we are hoping to do one periodically but will decide on the intervals, based on the feedback from all of you.

I hope you enjoy this issue and let us know what more we can add to make this successful.

Do thank Nadir and Mojgan for their initiative and work on this letter when you see them around.

Yazdi Bulsara
For ZAA Calgary
Executive Committee 2012 -2013

Past Events

Religious Education Seminar



Many thanks to Dr. Touraj Daryaei and Mr. Pilsum Master for providing a very informative historical review of the Zoroastrian religion at the University of Calgary. Firdosh and Rushna Mehta worked tirelessly arranging the event to make it such a great success. Lunch, snacks and coffee/tea were provided for all guests thanks to their hard work. Special thanks also to Dr.

Mehran Pouladi-Darvish and his family who hosted Dr. Daryaei's 2 day stay.

Summer BBQ

So long! Farewell! We will be missing you summer sun and bring on the fall colours! As much as it is sad to see the leaves change this time of year, it certainly has been a busy summer for us all. We wasted no



time enjoying the weather with our annual ZAA picnic held on July 14th in



Carburn park. The grills were sizzling hot with hamburgers and other delicious food. Everyone enjoyed participating in our high stakes three-legged race and the obstacle course relay which were refereed by professional linesmen. An impromptu game of ultimate

Frisbee as well as badminton and various outdoor games were played by members. Hopefully next year we will be just as fortunate with the good weather and great company!

Annual General Meeting

Our annual general meeting was held on August 12th in Banff Hall where matters regarding our community were discussed. Topics relating to ZAA Calgary financials, library archive, FEZANA matters and various other issues relating to our community reviewed. The 2012-13 executive committee was formally introduced to the group.

Yazdi Bulsara – President
Arash Ardishiri-Cham – Vice President
Marzi Mehta – Treasurer/Secretary
Mojgan Bastani – Social Secretary

If you have not met the new ZAA executive committee please do not hesitate to contact any of them in person, by telephone or email.

Parsi New Year Celebration



Time to get your dancing shoes on! When it is time to celebrate what better way than to eat, greet, and dance with your fellow Zarthushti's. Held on Sunday August 26th at the Royal India restaurant in downtown Calgary we enjoyed savoury Indian cuisine as well as dance to a mix of Bollywood and Persian music. A short prayer session was performed by our moebed Burzin Atashband and moebedyar Arash Ardeshiri-Cham before the festivities began. A special thanks to our young volunteers: Bryanna Bulsara, Mahrin Atashband, Arshiya Pooladi-Darvish, and Roya Merchant

who thoughtfully held tea lights during the ceremony. The kids also enjoyed swinging at a Mickey Mouse piñata while Dr. Jehangir Appoos was brave enough to hold it up for the kids to hit. An after party was also hosted by the Appoos family for some mouth watering ice cream and tea; many thanks for their generosity. Overall the event was a great success and many of our members were able to meet each other after a long time.

