



Zoroastrian Association of Alberta

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To All My Fellow Zartoshti's

What a memorable last two years it has been! As your Social Secretary I can certainly say with confidence that our community has been more active than ever these last few years. As the city of Calgary grows, so does our own Zoroastrian population and it shows with the record numbers of attendees to our events. This Fall/Winter season will also be full of more exciting events and gatherings.

Our youth have also been very active outside of the ZAA, with Sunday religion classes for the children, we have seen real interest by parents and kids for the program and we hope more new families sign up this year. With all these events and more families moving to Calgary, our traditional venue at Banff Trail Community Center is quickly beginning to become too small for us. This is one of the reasons why we have started a standing committee to develop options for a future place of worship.

As a community we may be small, but we all share the same desire of continuing our culture, rituals, and gatherings for us and for our children; and from that I say we are here to stay! I'd like to thank you all for your support for the events and for me. I will now be standing down as my term is up for Social Secretary. It truly was an honour to serve you, my community, and I look forward to continuing the momentum into the new year.

Mojgan Bastani
Social Secretary
ZAA Executive Committee 2013-2014

Past Events

Nowruz Party

This year's nowruz party was held at Chianti's Italian Restaurant in the North East of Calgary. With up to 80 people in attendance, the restaurant was jam packed with fellow Zartoshti's feasting on delicious Italian cuisine, tea, coffee and finally



dessert. The religion class children then put on an adorable song and show about the 7 creations. Thank you to everyone who were able to come out and celebrate the new year together.

Annual General Meeting

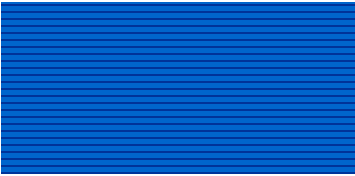
This year's AGM was once again held at Banff Trail Community Centre. After beginning the session out in the bright sunshine, members were invited inside the board room to discuss various matters pertaining to the association along with some light refreshments provided by the association. Topics such as burial grounds, ZAA financials, and a new place of worship initiative were discussed. 20 members were present for the meeting which represent sufficient numbers to meet quorum.



Autumn Festival

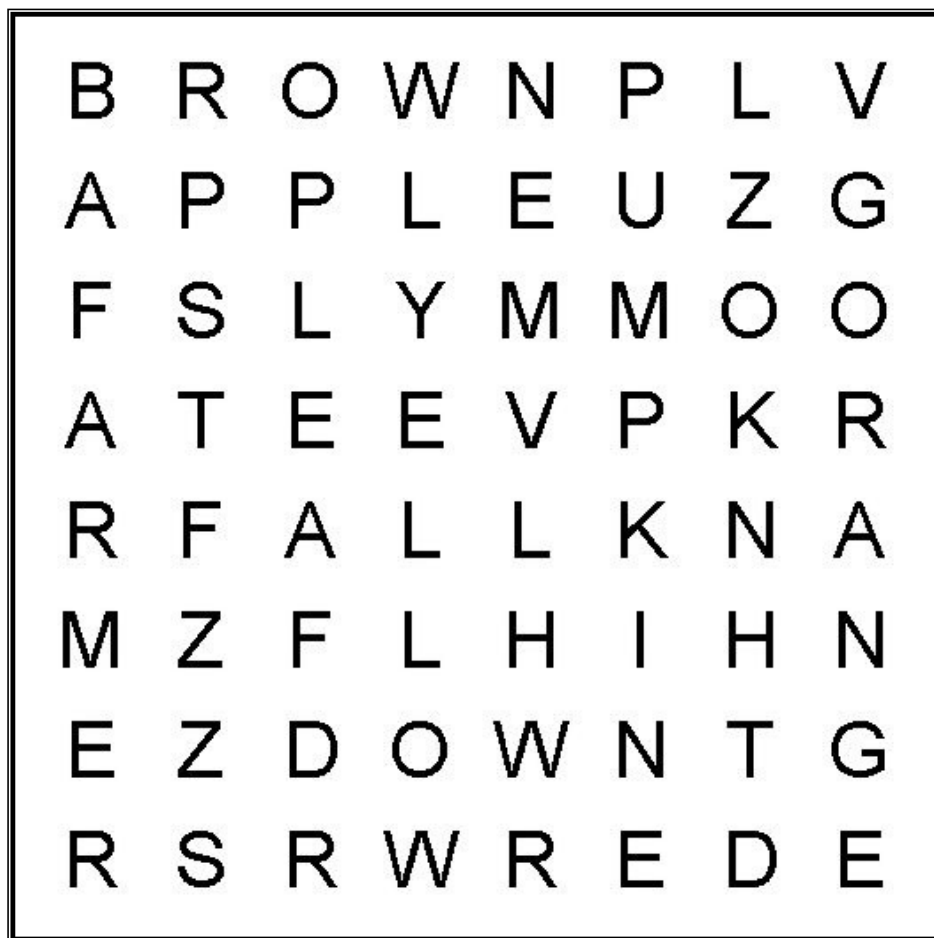
What a better way to warm up during the Autumn season than by having a hot bowl of Iranian "aash". Aash primarily made up of legumes and a medley of vegetables and is eaten during ghambar festivals. This year a few families decided to treat everyone to the warm taste of aash for our Autumn festival. Along with aash, chicken sandwiches were also available to compliment the soup. This year we also had a pumpkin weight guess competition and Zubin Cooper had guessed the weight within 0.2 Kg's!







Autumn Word Search



Find all of these autumn words in the grid above:

apple
brown
fall

farmer
leaf
orange

pumpkin
red
yellow



The Zoroastrian Association of Alberta

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Zoroastrian Association of Alberta does not automatically entitle the applicant to be considered a Zarathushti/Zoroastrian/Parsi or any connotation thereof.

Form is to be filled out by each ADULT member of the family.

FULL NAME (BLOCK letters please): _____

ADDRESS (BLOCK letters please): _____

_____ ALBERTA POSTAL CODE _____

TELEPHONE: Residence _____ Business/Cell _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

FAMILY MEMBERS (including spouse, children & dependents):

NAME	PROFESSION	SEX	CHILDREN'S BIRTH DATE

If additional space required, please attach an extra sheet

Please indicate "ADULT" if over 18 years of age. In case of children, birth dates are preferred as they help organize children's' activities, gifts/prizes, etc,

ANNUAL FEES:

Regular Membership of the Zoroastrian Association of Alberta ("ZAA") is:

Can\$ _____ for FAMILY and Can\$ _____ for SINGLE ADULT.

Fees for SENIOR CITIZENS, 65 years old and over is at 50% of the prescribed rates.

Fees are non-refundable and are payable on an annual basis for ZAA's fiscal year commencing from June 1st to May 31st.

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership of ZAA under the category of FAMILY/ SINGLE ADULT/SENIOR CITIZEN (delete which is not applicable) and declare/affirm that I am/ am NOT a Zarathushti/Zoroastrian/Parsi and 18 years of age or over, and that I am a legal resident of the Province of Alberta, and that I have read and understood the objectives and by-laws of the ZAA and agree to abide by them.

Date _____ Signature _____