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Welcome fellow Zartoshtis

First of all, I would like to thank our dearest community members for their continued loyalty and generous support. It is because of your caring and thoughtful spirit that we have been able to continue serving our community.

Seconds of all, I would like to thank my other colleagues, Mojgan and Robina for their non-stop efforts and dedication to organize the best possible events.

Last but not least, my personal thanks goes to our other halves, Nader, Farzad and Nastaran for helping us and keeping us motivated. Especially, Nader who has dedicated his time to prepare our newsletters.

We truly appreciate your kind support and look forward to another great chapter of our ZAA book.

Pedram Paysarvi For ZAA Calgary Executive Committee 2013 -2014

Past Events

Pie Festival

It seems like fall was an eternity away, and although it was a long time since we held the October Pie Carnival, many of the children still remember the fun activities and games that were held on that day. Many tasty dishes were made by our lovely Zoroastrian community members, and funds were raised for future ZAA events. Many thanks to Yazdi and Ruby for bringing in a cotton candy machine which was a huge hit



with everyone. Passing the parcel was also a great success as both adults and children had a blast participating. Thank you all for making it out!

Christmas Party

Ho Ho! Santa Clause is coming to town, and everyone was surprised when the jolly man came into Banff Hall with gifts for all! With an excellent mix of food to satisfy all different taste buds from a platter, everyone was happy to get out of the cold and into the warm company. Parents were rewarded



with delicious handmade cookies decorated by their children. Mr. Firdosh Mehta was also kind enough to relate our Zoroastrian connection with the story of the three wise men. The night was capped off with carols by all.

Jashne Sadeh

Jashne Sadeh is a traditional Iranian celebration to mark 100 days remaining until the first day of spring. For the very first time Jashne Sadeh was celebrated in Calgary. We are proud to announce that 30 brave Zoroastrians showed up to Edworthy park to celebrate the

ending of winter and the beginning of warmer days ahead. With a raging

bon fire, hot drinks, biscuits and snacks; everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were actually very warm for the whole event. Next year weather depending, we hope to see even more brave people to come out and celebrate a historical event practiced for many generations.



Valentine's Day Party

This year the ZAA Calgary chapter celebrated Valentine's Day at Banff Trail Community Center. The night was filled with hearts, cupids, music, and candle light dinner. Thanks to DJ Pedram, there was no dull moment on the dance floor with a record number of guests turning out for the event. Fine Iranian cuisine was served courtesy of House of Kabob on Edmonton Trail. To top it off, the food was served piping hot by red dressed ladies.



Nowruz Party

Nowruz was celebrated at the Croatian Cultural Center, with a memorable presentation of the Haft Sin table by the children of our ZAA community. Thank you to Mr. Kaykhosro Javizian for setting up such a lovely Haft Sin table for everyone to

enjoy and to the children to stand bravely in front of everyone and represent each item on the table. Elections for the new committee for 2013-2014 were held as well, and we would all like to congratulate the following new executive committee:

Vice President: Pedram Paysarvi Treasurer: Robina Kapadia Social Secretary: Mojgan Bastani

We would also like to commend the exiting committee members for their hard work and effort for their years of service to the ZAA Calgary community. Thank you very much Yazdi Bulsara & Marzi Mehta for your dedication to the community.

Games Night

The kites were flying high; guests were enjoying a competitive game of carom while games of chess, cards and jenga were being played at different tables. Starting off games night, Mr. Firdosh Mehta educated the community on the Gathas and their significance in the Zoroastrian faith. Firdosh was also able to delight us with his encounter with King Cyrus' cylinder depicting the world's first charter of rights which was on tour.





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