

From The Committee

On Septmeber 5th NAFCA will celebrate its 1 year anniversary. Behind the scenes the Executive Committee for NAFCA has been working hard over this last year towards the goal of becoming a nonprofit organization. In order for NAFCA to become a nonprofit organization the Executive Committee has had to spend many hours researching and studying the state and federal requirements, then drafting, typing and submitting the proper forms. The committee has received exemption from CA State Franchise or Income Tax. Thus far: NAFCA's name has been registered in Yolo County; the "Statement of Domestic Nonprofit Corporation" has been filed as required by state law; and the application for exemption from Federal Income Tax has been filed. The committee has read and studied Publication 557 Tax Exempt status for your organization and the application for recognition of exemption. The IRS has estimated that it will take 56 hours for recordkeeping, learning about the law and preparing and sending the forms to obtain federal tax exemption. If anyone knows a lawyer or accountant willing to donate a few hours of time to assist the committee with understanding the state and federal filing and reporting requirements for nonprofit organizations, please let the committee know.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for a subcommittee to organize Tihar. If you are interested please contact an Executive Committee Member. Also, anyone with the knowledge and interest in teaching Nepali language, songs or dance should contact an Executive Committee Member, as we would like to begin classes in these areas:

Executive Committee Members:

Shakuntala Dahal
Peggy Dev
Suresh Ojha
Bijaya Shrestha
Bryan Thoreson

स्वागतम्
विजया दशमी २०५६
Vijaya Dashami 1999

The greatest festival of Nepalis, दशै (Dashain) will be celebrated on Saturday, October 23rd at 3:00 pm at Davis Public Library Conference Room. There will be lots of games and festivities followed by a potluck dinner, then a cultural program and singing to finish the celebration. Please come join us. The Davis Public Library is located at 315 E. 14th Street, Davis, CA 95608. RSVP to Bijaya Shrestha at [redacted] by October 5th.

Let Freedom Ring by Sangi Rajbhandari

I wish I could see the day
When I could run like a deer,
graceful and free
With no harnesses
to tie me down, Nothing to stop me.

I wish I could see the day
When I could fly like a bird,
Soaring higher, and higher
leaving the rest of the world behind.

I wish I could see the day
When I will no longer have to listen
for the farmer's cattle call
When I will no longer have to wake
at the crack of dawn,
breaking my back in the scorching sun,
Knowing that I'll be doing it again, tomorrow
When I will no longer feel the sting
of the farmer's whip against my skin,
when I can run and sing like a child,
not having to worry
about what will happen next.

I wish I could see the day
When freedom will ring.

Calendar & Events

- NAFCA Vijaya Dashami Celebration**
Saturday, October 23 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Davis Public Library Conference Room
- Father's Day बुवाको मुख हेर्ने दिन**
September 9
- Teej तीज**
September 12
- Chaksam-pa (A Tibetan Performing Group)**
September 12 (World Renown flutist Nawang Khoghog among others will be performing at Cowell Theater - Fort Mason, San Francisco)
- Ma-Ha Gai Jatra Show**
September 12 (San Francisco)
- Dashain दशै**
October 16 - 24
- Fullpati फूलपाती**
October 16
- Maha Astami महा अष्टमी**
October 17
- Maha Nawami महा नवमी**
October 18
- Vijaya Dashami विजया दशमी**
October 20
- Tihar तिहार**
November 7 - 10
- Laxmi Puja लक्ष्मी पुजा**
November 7
- Bhaiya Puja भाइ टिका**
November 10

Congratulations!

James & Muni Gorlick on their new son,
Krishna Godick, born July 4th
Patrick & Kristen Wallace on their marriage

Welcome!

Gita Chitrakar
Sanjiv Durrall
Meena Devi Nepali
Ganesh, Mamata, Sneha & Shruti Pandey
Gitika & Balaguru Sevaiyan
Sanjay & Puja Sharma
Tracy, Katy & Carrie Slavin, & Jan Stendahl
Charles Young & Annie Holte

Interesting Web Sites:

- Radio Nepal**
www.cdmundo.com/new/radio-nepal/radio.np.htm
- Daily News from Nepal in English**
www.nepalnews.com
- Weekly News from Nepal in Nepali**
www.cdmundo.com/news/janrabhurni/janrabhurni.htm
- Monthly News, Himal Magazine in English**
www.himalmag.com
- Nepali and Newari Songs**
www.pinceton.edu/~shrestha/nepalisongs.html
- Nepalis News Group**
soc.culture.nepal

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Nepalis and Friends Cultural Association Membership Application

Date: _____

Primary Member: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (h) _____ (w) _____

email: _____

Check here if you do **not** want your name, address, telephone
and email listed in our membership directory.

Type of Membership: Please check the type of membership you
are applying for:

- Student (\$10.00)
 Individual (\$25.00)
 Family (\$25.00)
 Individual Lifetime Member (\$250.00 or more)
 Patron (\$1,000.00 or more)

Total Contribution: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to NAFCA.

Additional Members: Family members are defined as the primary member's spouse and their children under the age of 18.

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Name: _____ Age: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____