

## From The Committee

It is time for the all important elections for the NAFCA executive committee again. Prem Rimal and Devi Sah are the two members of the executive committee that are at the end of their first terms. One option is to re-elect them to second two-year terms. Or, if other members of the community wish to take a turn on the executive committee, they can volunteer to stand for approval by the general membership.

As always, please contact any executive committee member with any question or idea you may have that you feel would improve our organization.

### नेपाली भाषाको कक्षा

## Nepali Language Class

Dr. Peetamber Dahal has continued in conducting the Nepali Language Classes at the Yolo County Public Library. The classes will soon begin meeting. Anyone who is interested in attending or helping in the Nepali class, please contact Dr. Dahal [REDACTED]. We all appreciate his dedication to conducting these classes and we all thank him for his sincere effort and valuable time. We request other NAFCA members to join Dr. Dahal in helping our kids and other interested friends to learn our language and culture.

## Membership Renewal

Get ahead of the crowd. Renew your NAFCA membership for 2003 at Dashai 2002 to ensure that you won't miss the first 2003 newsletter. Please mail your membership renewal forms and fees to Bryan Thoreson at 2043 Bearden St., Davis, CA 95616.

नेपाली नयांवर्ष २०५९

तथा विजया दशमी २०५९

## Nepali New Year & Vijaya Dashami 2002

दशै (Dashain) will be celebrated at the Yolo County Public Library on October 19, 2002 beginning at 5:30 pm. A cultural show and other festivities are planned and, as always, the older generation will provide टीका (tika) and आशीर्वाद (aashirbad) to the younger generation followed by delicious Nepali food.

As in the last two years in an ongoing NAFCA Dashain tradition, we will have a food drive in conjunction with the celebration. Please bring canned food items for donation to the Davis Community Meals program.

## NAFCA Statistics and Treasurer's Report

The NAFCA membership totals as of September 22, 2002 are one lifetime member and patron, 32 family memberships and 10 student members. The NAFCA treasury stands at \$2,975.97 as of August 30, 2002. The Nepali Cultural Center Development Fund has a balance of \$10,409.89 as of August 31, 2002.

With a total of 85 adult members, it is essential that everyone help for us to meet our goals. The executive committee takes care of

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NAFCA  
EXEC COMMITTEE

Durga Dahal  
Godawari Deo  
Prem Rimal  
Devi Sah  
Bryan Thoreson

# NAFCA CALENDAR AND EVENTS

## NAFCA Dashai Celebration

Saturday, October 19th at the Yolo County Library, beginning at 5:30 pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Frank Wallace on his retirement from the California State Dept. of Education and Ram Sah on his retirement from the university. We are looking forward to having their considerable talents available to assist in the development of NAFCA.

Krishna and Puja Niraula on the birth of their daughter.

Roopak and Salika Shrestha on the birth of their son, Rohit Lal Shrestha.

Chuck and Annie Young on the birth of their daughter Sophia.

## WELCOME:

Anup Sri Vastava

Ranjita Singh

Purnendu and Indu Singh

Benuka Thapa and family

## CONDOLENCES:

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Sri Roopak Shrestha due to passing away of his father

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the day-to-day NAFCA activities and organizes Dashain and Nepali New Year. For our other yearly activities, such as the Nepali language lessons, open house and the development of the conceptual plan for the cultural center, we must rely on our active membership to assist as volunteers and sub committee members.

## Memberships

Membership Type	2000	2001	as of 9/22/2002
Lifetime	1	1	1
Family	17	27	32
Student	3	10	10
Totals	21	38	43

To contribute your thoughts, poem, etc. to the next newsletter contact one of the executive committee members

## FROM THE MEMBERS

(सुरेन्द्र आचार्यबाट)

दशै पछिको अर्को महान चाड नव वर्ष २०१९ लाई अमेरिकाका अन्य शहरहरूमा भै Davis र यसको वरपर बसोबास गर्ने नेपालीहरूले पनि आपसमा शुभकामनाहरू बाँडेर भव्य रूपमा मनाए ।

यस उपलक्ष्यमा UC Davis परिसरमा आयोजित नव वर्ष कार्यक्रममा विभिन्न खेलकुद, सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम, शुभकामना मन्तव्य र दिवाभोज पनि गरिएको थियो । कार्यक्रममा यस क्षेत्रका नेपालीहरूको अतिरिक्त विदेशी मित्रहरूको पनि उत्साहजनक उपस्थिति थियो ।

यहां स्थित नेपाली समुदायको हक हितको लागि स्थापित नाफका (NAFCA) ले आयोजना गरेको सो कार्यक्रममा यस्का अध्यक्ष दुर्गा दाहाल र बयोबृद्ध जानकी प्रधानले शुभकामना मन्तव्य दिनु भएको थियो ।

नेपाल र अमेरिकाका राष्ट्रिय ध्वजाहरू र शुभकामना ब्यानरहरूले सिंगारिएको कार्यक्रम कक्षमा दर्शकहरू नअटाएर हल बाहिर समेत टुन्ने उभिएर नेपाली गीत र नृत्यको र सांस्वादन गरिरहेका थिए । तालीका गडगडाहट सभाकक्षमा गुन्जिरहेको थियो । यस्तो लाग्दथ्यो अहिले सबैको मनमा नयाँ वर्षको नयाँ जोश, जाँगर र उत्साह मडारिरहेको छ ।

यस वर्षको सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमको प्रमुख आर्कषणको रूपमा केटीहरू तर्फ सपना देव, मोनिका गुरूगं, स्नेह दाहाल र सगी राजभण्डारीका नृत्यहरू थिए भने केटाहरूमा

पनि अमल र नरेशको गीती नृत्यलाई दर्शकहरूले रूचाएका थिए ।

यसैगरी गायन तर्फ निता थोर्सन, सरिता शाह, बिना शाह, नरेश श्रेष्ठ, संजय श्रेष्ठ र टिकारामलाई दर्शकहरूले ताली पिटेर मन पराएका थिए ।

कार्यक्रमको शुरुवात विभिन्न खेलकुद प्रतियोगिताबाट गरिएको थियो र विजयी खेलाडिहरूलाई पुरस्कृत पनि गरिएको थियो । सोही कार्यक्रममा लिलामणी खत्रीले समसामयिक विषयमा घतलाग्दो कविता बाचन गर्नु भएको थियो ।

नेपाली समुदाय बीच मैत्रीपुर्ण समझदारी भाइचारा र सहयोगको वातावरण बनाइ राख्ने सहयोग पुर्याउने उद्देश्यले नाफका (NAFCA) सन १९९८ को सेप्टेम्बरमा स्थापना भएको हो । यस्तै Davis मा बसोबास गर्ने सबै नेपालीको लगत राख्ने र तिनलाई सदस्यता वितरण गर्ने लक्ष्य राखेको छ ।

लेखक: सुनय राजभण्डारी

कुनै बेलामा एकजना पकवान सिंह नामको व्यक्ति हुन हुन्थ्यो । वहांलाई काम खोज्न धेरै गाह्रो भएथ्यो । वहांले सटाइस वर्षको उमेरमा नाँच प्रतियोगितामा न्यायधीशको काम पाउनु भयो । वहांलाई न्यायधीशको काम मन परेन । कारण वहांको निर्णय सधैं बराबर हुन्थ्यो । जब प्रतियोगितामा संगीता नामको

केटी र दिपक नामको केटाले बराबर गरे पछि दर्शकहरू निरास भए । दर्शकहरूले मेनेजरलाई गुनासो गरे पछि वहांलाई यस कामबाट भिकि दियो ।

वहांले एकतिस वर्षको उमेरमा कलेजमा पोषण बिज्ञान पढाउने काम पाउनु भयो । पहिलो दिन पढाउन जादा वहांलाई निक्कै नमज्जा लाग्यो । एकजना विद्यार्थीले वहांले स्पानिश पढाउनु हुन्छ भनेर कक्षामा बसेछ । अर्को विद्यार्थी कक्षामा ढीलो आइन । उनीको नाम सगीता हुन । सगीता पकवान सिंह न्यायधीस हटा नाँच प्रतियोगितामा जित्नेमा एक जना थिइन । वहांले कक्षामा किन ढीलो आएको भनेर सोध्दा उनीले नराम्रो संग जवाफ दिइन । त्यति मात्र होइन वहांले गृह कार्य दिनु अगाडि नै विद्यार्थीहरू कक्षाबाट निस्क दियो ।

वहांले सैंतिस वर्षको उमेरमा अर्कै काम खोज्ने विचार गर्न भयो । वहांले सिनेमा हलमा टिकट बेच्ने काम पाउनु भयो । जब दुईजना मान्छेले TITANIC को टिकट किन्न आउदा वहांको कानले नसुनेकोले वहांलाई कामबाट भिकि दियो ।

वहांले एकचालिस वर्षको उमेरमा निरास भएर कुनै पनि काम नगर्ने विचार गरिर हेको बेलामा वहांले विवाह समारोह गर आउने पण्डितको काम पाउनु भयो । वहांलाई यो कामबाट आएको पैसाबाट जिविका च्चदैन भनेर छिट्टै अनुभव भयो । त्यस कारण वहांले यो काम पनि छोड्नु भयो ।

वहांले पैतालिस वर्षको उमेरमा दर्इजना सानो, राम्रो, भलादमी, हकिरहेको बालकहरू निक्कि दाल र सन्नि राजालाई पढाउने विचार गर्नु भयो । वहांले यी बालकहरूलाई पढाएर पैसा कमाउनु भएन तर यस्तो राम्रो, भलादमी, जानी विद्यार्थीहरूलाई मदत गर्न पाउनु भएकोले वहांलाई संसार भरीकै सुन पाए जस्तै खुशीको अनुभव हाम्रो दयालु, राम्रो गुरूजी पकवान सिंहलाई भयो । (मेरो विचारमा)

# Nepalis and Friends Cultural Association

## Membership Application

This Association was formed to:

Preserve and promote Nepali Identity and cultural heritage;

Nepali Language class

Nepali Dance class

Nepali Singing class

Dashai Celebration

Nepali New Year's Celebration

To strive to build a bridge between Nepalis and friends of Nepal;

To strengthen the bonds and friendly relations among individuals, families and institutions;

To observe and celebrate Nepali festivals and New Years;

To organize special fund raising events;

To conduct meetings, seminars, and conventions regarding cultural issues in Nepal and America;

To promote knowledge and understanding of Nepali literature, social culture and people.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

Please mail application to NAFCA, c/o Bryan Thoreson, 2043 Bearden Str., Davis, CA 95616.

### Additional Members:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_