



NAFCA News

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Davis, CA 95617

NAFCA Executive Committee Election 2005

NAFCA Executive Committee sent nomination applications along with instructions for filing a nomination to all active members via email. So that all active members may participate in the upcoming Executive Committee election.

The election will be held at the October 15th, Dashain Festival Celebration day at the Davis Library Hall. According to NAFCA Bylaw No. 7, "The Executive Committee shall be elected by the simple majority of the votes cast by the voting members of the association. The Executive Committee shall consist of 5 members."

From the current Executive Committee, Mr. Durga Dahal and Mrs. Godawari Deo's terms will end on October. Mr. Binayak Sharma is not interested in continuing a second term. Mr. Frank Wallace, and Mrs. Shanti Poudel have agreed to serve on the Executive Committee a second term. Dr. Murari Ojha has also agreed to continue as a special advisor. This means that there are 3 posts to be filled in the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has formed a three member election subcommittee (Dr. Purnendu Singh, Dr. Ganesh Pandey, and Dr. Hari Rajbhandari have agreed to serve on this election sub committee). This sub committee will be solely responsible for the upcoming election, its procedure, ballot papers, rules, and regulations, ballot counts, and announcement of election results. Only NAFCA 's current members (2005) can file a nomination paper and vote in the election.

NAFCA annual membership is from January 1st through December 31st of the year. All annual membership expires on December 31st. To remain in good standing, members must renew their membership dues every year. Membership dues can be mailed to: NAFCA, PO Box 878, Davis, CA 95617.

Tsunami Victims Fund Raiser

NAFCA was able to collect \$470.00 for December 26, 2004 Tsunami Victims by April 2005, which was donated to the Yolo County Red Cross Chapter. NAFCA Executive Committee would like to thank all of you for your contributions.

Nepali New Year Celebration

Nepali New Year 2062 B.S. was celebrated on April 23, 2005 at Davis Library Hall in Davis. The event started at 4:00 PM and ended at 11:30 PM. This seven hour program had appetizers, outdoor games, indoor games, dinner, raffle, cultural programs, prize distribution, and group dance. There were 126 paid adult participants and the total head count was 185. This crowd was the biggest one we have seen in our program thus far.



NAFCA EXEC COMMITTEE	Durga Dahal	
	Godawari Deo	
	Shanti Poudyal	
	Binayak Sharma	
	Frank Wallace	
	Murari Ojha	

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CALENDAR AND EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Kumar & Shyamli Sah on the birth of their daughter
 Binayak & Aabha Sharma on the birth of their daughter
 Kishor & Jyoti Poudel on the birth of their daughter
 Pradeep & Bina Sah on the birth of their son
 Mahesh & Chhya Pandey on the birth of their son
 Pradip & Sarita Sah on the birth of their son
 Sony & Dale on the birth of their daughter
 Bill & Bijaya Eaton on the birth of their daughter
 Rajesh & Binita Ojha on the birth of their daughter
 Ram and Manorma Sah on the marriage of their son Abhitesh to Kasey
 Purnendu Singh on earning his PhD in Biological & Agricultural Engineering
 Mamta Pandey on earning her US Medical License
 Sanjay Dev on being named Teacher of the Year
 Tasha Dev on her award from the Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching

WELCOMES

Kiran Tuladhar and family
 Bimal Chhetri
 Basu Dhakal and family
 Krishna Gautum and family
 Dinesh Deo and family
 Nimesh Poudel
 Jeetendra Khadka and family

CONDOLENCES

Hari Rajbhandari and family on the loss of his mother.
 Ram Narayan Sah and family on the loss of his brother.
 Arun Sen and family on the loss of his wife Mimi.

NAFCA's Activities In The Last 2 Years

1. \$1,226.00 was collected from the Deusi/Bhailo Program in 2003,
2. Renewed NAFCA's fictitious business name with the county and state,
3. Dr. Vohra's condolence meeting was organized on 05/21/2004 in Davis,
4. Celebrated Nepali New Year 2061,
5. Celebrated Nepali Dashain festival 2061,
6. Raise funds for Tsunami Victims and donated to American Red Cross,
7. Celebrated Nepali New Year 2062,
8. Celebrating Dashain Festival on 10/15/2005,
9. NAFCA Executive Committee Election 10/15/05.

Membership Status (As of 9/24/2005)

Membership Type	2003	2004	2005
Patron	1	1	2
Lifetime	1	2	2
Family	9	27	26
Student	0	5	9
Total	11	35	39

NAFCA has 39 members as of 9/24/2005. Two Patron members, the late Dr. Pran Vohra and Mr. Durga Dahal. The number of members has increased over the last two years, but it is not sufficient enough. This organization doesn't have a permanent source of income. Member dues cover most of its expenses. So, we encourage everyone to either renew their membership or become members and pay the dues.

NAFCA's Balance

NAFCA's net balance on December 2003 was \$3,342.85. As of 9/24/2005, net balance on its checking account is \$5,141.24

Vijaya Dashami 2005

Nepali's biggest festival, Vijaya Dashami (Dashain 2062) will be celebrated on Oct 15, 2005 at Davis Library Hall. As usual, there will be puja-tika, appetizers, games, dinner, cultural programs, raffles, prize distribution, group dances, and many other entertainment programs. Entrance fee will be \$10.00 for adults and free for children under the age of 10.

NAFCA Needs Our Full Support

- Godawari Deo -

We are glad to see that NAFCA is getting bigger every year. People seem to like to have fun especially during the celebrations of Dashain and Nepali New Year. When NAFCA started there was only a small group. It was easier and simpler to manage parties, potlucks or any other sort of gathering. However, it is getting more challenging to organize events where we can accommodate all Nepali and friends. It is nice to see a big community in our area with so many talented people. The number of NAFCA and non-NAFCA participating members has grown year after year, it's financial position is getting better and better every year, the programs and event celebrations have diversified, and the social interaction and harmony have all increased due to everyone's input, participation and cooperation.

Since NAFCA is bigger we all have to work a little bit harder than before and requiring more paperwork, responsibility and obligation for the community; NAFCA Executive Members have to work even harder. As I have experienced and noted in my first term of executive membership, everyone was contributing in different ways, Sri Bryan Thoreson can specially be commended for his extra time devotion and caliber in organizing the official paperwork and shaping up the NAFCA organization. Similarly, I have realized in my second term that all executive members with the help of the community have contributed more but among them Sri Binayak Sharma especially has been outstanding executive member to meet all sort of required paperwork and taking most of the responsibility without making any complaint, and Sri Durga Dahal has been pivotal in supporting and contributing in so many different ways that we should all appreciate. We should also thank Sri Peetamber Dahal who has voluntarily taught the Nepali Language classes. We cannot forget the late Dr. Pran Vohra and Mr. and Mrs. Janaki Pradhan who were the main people to push for the NAFCA organization. We should appreciate all the people

who voluntarily worked hard for the benefit of our community.

All our friends who always like to come and celebrate all our functions are the people who can make our festival more colorful and meaningful. NAFCA cannot function without your and our support. We all have our own expectations and the way we see things but the most important thing is that we work together in an environment of tolerance and cooperation with open hearts, appreciating NAFCA's recent approaches, accomplishments and managements with compassion and without negative criticism or malice. We should make positive constructive comments and criticism, and be ready to extend a helping hand. Let us commit ourselves to be creative and to work together to help NAFCA flourish in the future which has solely been organized for the benefits and cause of our community. We can make a difference by giving loving service to our community without any personal reservation. Let us not be passive or criticize but be supportive and get actively involved with determination to make a stronger cultural organization.

I hope, we can have as much or better quality time to celebrate our coming big Dashain festival with all our supportive friends. Let us make a heart-felt wish that there will always be a supportive attitude towards NAFCA and the Executive Committee in the future regardless whoever comes to voluntarily serve. We should be thankful to everyone who is either the Executive Committee or general member of NAFCA and who has been working for our community and giving their own valuable time without any personal advantage or expectation. Let us encourage all to be supportive and cooperative to present or future NAFCA Executive Committee members, so that they can function smoothly and serve our community better than ever before.

I wish a 'Very Happy Dashain (Vijaya Dashami) of 2062 B.S. (2005 A. D.)' to every one of us.

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Images of New Years 2062



All Photos Courtesy of Ajay Dev

NAFCA Bank Account Summary as of 09/24/2005

Description	Amount	Remarks
Incomes and Deposits		
Bank Statement on 11/28/2003	+\$4,311.85	Account transferred to new Executive Committee on 11/29/03
Deposited on 11/29/03	+\$202.00	Bryan Thoreson deposited.
Deposited on 12/28/03	+\$100.00	Membership checks received from Bryan Thoreson during the account transfer.
Deposited on 12/28/03	+\$1,226.00	Received from Bhailo and Deusi 2003.
New Year 2061 Income		
Adult over 10 years	+\$1,100.00	110 @ \$10 per head
Lifetime membership (1)	+\$250.00	Received on 04/24/04 Check #3817 - Sonam Flanagan
Regular Membership	+\$50.00	Received from two
Raffle income	+\$54.00	Ticket sold \$114.00, prize \$60.00, NAFCA \$54.00
Dr. Vohara's condolence meeting	+\$160.00	Howard & Johnson, Davis
Deposited on 09/07/04	+\$230.00	10 membership/donation received on mail
Dashain 2061 Net Income	+\$1,175.00	Deposited on 01/03/05
Adult over 10 years	\$940.00 - 94 @ \$10 per head	
2004 membership received on Dashain	\$195.00 - 7 family members, 2 student members	
2005 membership received	\$25.00 - Bryan Thoreson	
Raffle Income:	\$30.00 - Ticket sold \$80, prize \$50, NAFCA \$30	
Basu Dhakal paid \$15 cash for 3 CD	-\$15.00 - Prize for dancers	
Deposited Membership received	+\$50.00	Deposited on 01/03/05
Deposited Membership received	+\$100.00	Deposited on 04/18/05
Deposited Tsunami Victim Funds Raised	+\$470.00	Deposited on 04/18/05
New Year 2062 Net Income Deposits	+\$1,895.00	Deposited on 05/07/05
Adult over 10 years	\$1,260.00 - 126 @ \$10 per head	
2005 membership received	\$595.00 - 23 @ \$25 and 2 @ \$10	
Raffle income	\$40.00 - Ticket sold \$102, prize \$62, NAFCA \$40	
(50 Rupees Indian Currency received from someone unknown)		
10 membership received on Sept deposited	+\$145.00	Deposited on 09/24/05
Income Sub Total	+\$11,518.85	
Expenses		
Check #1024 Nita Thoreson on 11/28/03	-\$101.00	Dashain expenses reimbursement by Bryan Thoreson
Check #1025 KTM Kitchen on 11/28/03	-\$1,170.00	Dashain catering payment by Bryan Thoreson.
Check #1026 Secretary of State on 12/07/03	-\$20.00	SI - 100 renewal fee.
Check #1027 Secretary of State on 12/07/03	-\$50.00	SI - 100 filing fee.
Check #1028 Durga Dahal on 01/25/04	-\$60.00	Library hall booking for new year.
Check #1029 Yolo County Clerk on 02/11/04	-\$42.00	Fictitious Business name renewal
Check #1030 Davis Enterprise on 03/13/04	-\$40.00	Fictitious Business name renewal advertisement
New Year 2061 Expenses		
Check #1031 on 04/25/04	-\$1,080.00	Catering for 135 at \$8 per head
Check #1032 Shanti Poudel on 04/28/04	-\$51.39	Miscellaneous (prize items)
Check #1033 Aabha Sharma on 05/02/04	-\$196.70	Miscellaneous (plates, decoration)
Check #1034 Anil Dahal on 05/21/04	-\$88.51	Miscellaneous (plates & decoration)
Check #1035 Aabha Sharma on 05/22/04	-\$39.50	Miscellaneous (prize items)
Cash to Paritosh for CD on 05/22/04	-\$30.00	Miscellaneous (prize items)
Check #1036 Woodland Post Office on 08/07/04	-\$55.50	Mailing stamp
Check #1037 Anil Dahal on 09/03/04	-\$38.00	NAFCA P.O. Box renewal
Check #1038 Howard Johnson on 09/03/04	-\$60.00	Hall for Dr. Vohara's condolence meeting

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Dashain 2061 Expenses

Check #1039 Taste of India on 10/04/04	-\$910.00	Catering Taste of India for 130 people
Check #1040 Shanti Poudel on 11/07/04	-\$25.86	Dashain Prize reimbursement
Check #1041 Aabha Sharma on 11/07/04	-\$282.03	Dashain prize, plates,decorations etc.
Check #1042 Durga Dahal on 11/08/04	-\$90.00	Dashain Library Hall reimbursement
Check returned \$20 plus \$5 fee	-\$25.00	2061 Dashain entrance fee paid check for two adults of a family returned

New Year 2062 Expenses

Check #1044 on 05/07/05	-\$257.49	New year plates, decoration (5 receipts)
Check #1045 Aabha Sharma on 05/07/05	-\$22.63	New year prize items (1 receipt)
Check #1047 Aabha Sharma on 08/08/05	-\$1,134.00	Catering Kathmandu Kitchen 126 people
Check #1046 American Red Cross on 05/07/05	-\$470.00	Tsunami Victims donation
Check #1048 Aabha Sharma on 09/24/05	-\$38.00	Davis Post Office (PO Box 878 renewal)

Expense Sub Total **-\$6,377.61**

Net Balance = \$ 11,518.85 - \$ 6,377.61 = \$ 5,141.24

Bank Balance as of 09/24/05 **\$6,348.18**

Fixed Account Balance as of 09/05 **\$10,753.38**

**सामाजिक रकता
दुगो दाहाल**

हामी यहाँ प्रवासमा छौं। नेपाल अधिराज्यभित्र रहेका हामीलाई रकताको जती आवश्यकता हुन्छ, त्यो भन्दा बढी हामी रकताबन्धु रहनु यहाँ आवश्यक छ। किनभने रकताबिना कुनै ठोस काम हामी वाट हुन सक्ने छैन। अलग अलग रहेर सानो काम पनि दिन नसक्ने सघाना सान्द्राहरूले रकतजुट भएर लहारा भएपछि विशालकाय हात्तिलाई पनि बाँध्न सक्छन्। त्यस्तै हामी पनि कुनै काम गर्दा रकतजुट भएर गर्न सकिँदैनौं। नेपाली समाजको बर्षेभन्दा काममा राखेर जुन सक्ने छौं।

शक्तिपुजाको क्रममा हामी संस्कृतिले सिकाएको रूद्रा कुवा सदा स्मरणिय छ। जब हाम्रो शक्तिले देवलोकमाथि कब्जा गरी सक्न लागी सकेको थियो, मदिमापुर को त्रासले संपूर्ण देवलोक मा त्राही त्राही मचायो। देवलोकलाई शक्ति नजगाई भएन। त्यस बेला हिमालयमा सधैं जाश्र तपस्या गर्न लागे। उनिहरूको पुकारवाट पहिले ब्रह्मा, बिष्णु, महेश्वर ना. क्रमशः शक्ति का झोलहरू तेजपुञ्ज बनेर प्रकट भए। त्यसपछि ती सबै शक्ति का तेजपुञ्जहरू मिलेर रूद्रा शक्तिरूपा गरी बनीन। अनी तिनलाई भगवान विष्णुले सुदर्शन, भगवान अंकरले त्रिशूल

ब्रह्माजीले कमण्डलु, देवराज इन्द्रले वज्र बरुणले पास, हिमालयले सिद्धबाहन इत्यादी क्रमले आफू सँग भएका सर्वोत्तम बस्तुहरू दिएर परम शक्तिशाली बनाए। यसरी सबैको रकता र आ.आ. फना प्रोत्थला अर्थात् सद्योग जैरुपछि ती शक्तिरूपा मा भै यती सञ्चाल भईन ति रकले भोक्ता दानवी शक्ति लाई चुनौती दिनसक्ने बनिन। उनको तेजको सामु टिक्न सक्ने कोही दानुब पक्षमा भएन। यो रूद्रा प्रतिकात्मक कथा छ र यसले रकताबन्धु प्रयास ले समाजमा रूद्रा अजेय शक्तिको सिर्जना हुने सत्य सन्देश दिन्छ। हृद्य जनाका लागि मिलेर एक जनाको बोधा बन्न पुगे जस्तै सबै मिलेर गर्न सकेको आफ्ना उर्द्वे अनुसार कै सद्योगले पनि रूद्रा हुने काम गर्न सकिन्छ।

कुनै पनि राष्ट्र वा जातिको अस्तित्व भन्नु, त्यसै संस्कृतिक मौलिकता हुन्छ। त्यो सांस्कृतिक मौलिकताको संरक्षण-सुवर्धनमा आग्रहान पु-याउन काम गर्न सकेमा हामी देश बाहिर बसेर पनि नेपाल र नेपालीत्वको जीवर बचाउन सक्षम हुने छौं। विश्वको मानचित्र मा केही जातीहरूको पृथक भएकी थियो। ति मध्ये जस-जसले आ-आफ्नो सांस्कृतिक जर्गना गर्न सफल भए ति आज पनि जीवित र जाग्रत हर। तर जजसले आफ्नो सांस्कृतिक उर्जा गुमाए तिनको अस्तित्व सधैको लागि विलय हुन पुग्यो। इतिहासले हामीलाई धेरै मद्दल पूर्व पाठ पढाएको छ र त्यसलाई हामीले बुझ्नु छ। हामीले विश्वको कुनामा आवश्यक परे पुग्नु पर्दछ प-रन्तु अरुको प्रभावमा परेर आफ्नो बध के विलय हुने गरी छोड्न, आफ्नो अस्तित्वलाई अर्थ सुबल र सुदृढ तुल्याएर बाँकी विश्वको काम लाग्न सक्ने बनेर जि उनु छ। हामीले आफू र आफ्नो जीवर पूर्ण अस्तित्व नै गुमाएर जती कमाए पनि त्यो कमाई हुनेछ, उगाई मात्र हुनेछ। जति माथि उठे जसो देखि