

Part II Activities and Operational Information

The programs and activities the Association conducts or has the intention of conducting are as follows:

1. Nepali Language Classes:

- A. 1) There will be at least two (and at the most four), 8 week sessions per year with at least one month break between sessions. Separate classes will be held for children and adults. The number of classes offered and the level of the classes taught will be determined by the number of students enrolled and the fluency of the students. Classes will meet once a week and open to interested public in the community.
 - 2) Students will learn to speak, write and read the Nepali alphabet. Learn vocabulary words and sentence structure. As the course develops students will learn to read and write Nepali and hold discussion groups in Nepali.
 - 3) These language classes help to preserve the Nepali Language among Nepali community and provide an opportunity for volunteers, researchers and travelers interested in Nepal.
- B. Classes will begin the Month of July, 2000.
 - C. Classes will be taught by a NAFCA member and held in the home of a NAFCA member.

2. Nepali Dance Classes:

- A. 1) There will be at least two (and at the most four), 8 week sessions per year with at least one month break between sessions. Separate classes will be held for children and adults. The number of classes offered and the level of the class taught will be determined by the number of students enrolled and the ability of the students. Classes will meet once a week and open to interested public in the community.
 - 2) Students will learn traditional Nepali dance and its cultural value.
- B. Classes will begin winter, 2001.
 - C. Classes will be taught by a NAFCA member and held in the home of a NAFCA member.

3. Newsletter:

- A. 1) Two times per year. Once in the early spring and once in the early fall. (It takes approximate 2 months to prepare a newsletter.)
 - 2) The newsletter informs NAFCA members and the public of:
 - a. upcoming events of NAFCA
 - b. what the NAFCA executive committee has been doing
 - c. important dates according to Nepali calendar that are coming
 - d. where to find more information about Nepal, Nepali current events
 - 3) The newsletter also welcomes new people to the community, publicizes poems or essays from members and is a source for recruiting new members.
 - 4) The newsletter furthers our mission and objectives by fostering mutual cooperation and understanding with the community and provides a "...means for collection, dissemination and exchange of creative ideas and information concerning Nepal and the Nepali community...".
- B. The first Newsletter was March, 1999.
 - C. The newsletter is put together and edited by the executive committee. The executive committee writes articles and asks members to provide articles and information for the newsletter. It is typed, formatted and printed by one of the members in her home.

4. Dashain:

- A. 1) One time per year, usually in the month of October. (It takes approximately 1.5 months to plan for this event).
 - 2) During Dashain we:
 - a. Teach traditional games
 - b. Give tikas or blessings to the younger generation (an important part of Dashain)
 - c. Eat traditional food and wear traditional clothes
 - d. Have a lecture on the meaning and history of Dashain
 - e. Have a cultural program of dancing and music.
 - 3) Dashain helps to further our mission and objectives by preserving and promoting Nepali Cultural Heritage.
- B. The first Dashain Celebration was September 5, 1998.
 - C. Dashain is organized by the executive committee and NAFCA members. It is held at either the Yolo County Public Library, Davis or Solano Park Community Center, Davis.

5. **Nepali New Year:**

- A. 1) One time per year, usually in the month of April. (It takes approximately 1 month to plan for this event).
- 2) During New Year we:
 - a. Celebrate the beginning of the New Year
 - b. Eat traditional food and wear traditional clothes
 - c. Have a lecture on the importance of celebrating the New Year, why Nepal is on a different calendar than the western world and what is the origin and significance of the calendar.
 - d. Have a cultural program of dancing and music.
- 3) This helps to further our mission and objectives by preserving and promoting Nepali Cultural Heritage.
- B. The first New Year Celebration was in April, 1999.
- C. New Years is organized by the executive committee and NAFCA members. It is held at either the Yolo County Public Library, Davis or Solano Park Community Center, Davis.

6. **Book, Music and Movie Donation Drive:**

- A. 1) Once per year, usually in the summer. (It takes approximately 1 month to plan for this event).
- 2) We collect:
 - a. Books written in Nepali
 - b. Nepali Music
 - c. Nepali Movies
 - d. Cash donation to purchase books, music and movies related to Nepali culture.
- 3) These are then donated to the Yolo County Public Library, Davis so that the whole community can benefit from them.
- 4) This helps to foster mutual understanding and cooperation among the Nepali and the Davis community.
- B. The first donation drive will be held spring, 2000.
- C. The donation drive will be organized by the executive committee and NAFCA members. It will be held at a NAFCA member's home.

7. **Open House:**

- A. 1) Once per year, usually in the fall. (It takes approximately 1 month to plan for this event).
- 2) This is an open house held for the public so that they can learn about Nepal, Nepali Culture and NAFCA.
- 3) There will be displays of:
 - a. Nepali art and artifacts
 - b. Nepali Music
 - c. Traditional clothes of Nepal
 - d. Slide show on Nepal
 - e. The programs that NAFCA offers and the NAFCA Newsletter
- 4) It will provide an opportunity for people to join NAFCA, get on our mailing list or join one of the classes.
- 5) This helps to foster mutual understanding and cooperation among the Nepali and the Davis community.
- B. The first Open House will be held September, 2000.
- C. The open house will be organized by the executive committee and NAFCA members. It will be held at the Solano Park Community Center.

8. **Food Drive:**

- D. 1) Once per year, usually in the winter. (It takes approximately 1 month to plan for this event).
- 2) Hold a food donation drive
- 3) Food will be donated to a homeless shelter
- 4) This helps to foster mutual understanding and cooperation among the Nepali and the Davis community.
- E. The first food drive will be held winter, 2000.
- F. The food drive will be organized by the executive committee and NAFCA members. It will be held at a NAFCA member's home.

9. **Welcome Committee:**

- A. 1) This has an unspecified amount of time. (It is strictly dependent on there being new Nepali people to the Davis community.)
- 2) Welcome Nepali people who are new to Davis.
- 3) This helps to maintain objective 3, "familiarize the incoming members with the new environment and culture."
- B. Begins as soon as a new person comes to Davis.
- C. The Welcome Committee (a subcommittee created by the executive committee) performs this service.

The executive committee has organized all the events that have occurred so far. The executive committee plans to form subcommittees led by a member of the executive committee and formed by volunteers from the NAFA members to organize the planned events.