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President's message

Dear Friends and Family,

Feels like it was only yesterday that NNS was imagined but it has been almost seven years since its birth! This community has been following the trail to success in order to reach the summit of prestige, thanks to the dedicated endeavors of all the founding members, former members, present members of NNS and all our well-wishers. Thus, I would like to take the opportunity on this festive occasion of new year 2009 to thank every individual for their contribution.

We have now stepped into a brand new year, 2009. NNS will definitely give continuity to all its regular events, in even better ways possible from our side. However, the success of all such events depends on the participation of every member because without your help and support, our attempts will hardly bear any fruit. It is therefore, I encourage you to attend our events as much as your schedule and time allows you to, so that you get to know the other members of NNS closely in way that you become good friends from mere acquaintances. I would encourage everyone to consider NNS their platform to mingle well with all the other Nepalese. I hope with everyone's vital participation, the name NNS itself spreads the fragrance of unity in its members, the unity that is exemplary to all the Nepali people residing elsewhere in the USA.

With these words, I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2009.

Sincerely,

Anima Kunwar Khadayat

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The best way to cheer yourself is to cheer somebody else up.

-Mark Twain

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective. Unless a man starts on the strange assumption that he has never existed before, it is quite certain that he will never exist afterwards. Unless a man be born again, he shall by no means enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

-G. K. Chesterton

Thoughts lead on to purposes; purposes go forth in action; actions form habits; habits decide character; and character fixes our destiny.

-Tyron Edwards

संपादकीय

- दीपक शर्मा न्यौपाने

नेब्रास्का नेपालीज सोसाइटीको इतिहास त्यति सारो लामो नभएतापनि नेब्रास्काको नेपाली समाजमा यसले एउटा आफ्नै मूल्य र मान्यता प्रतिस्थापन गर्न सफलता प्राप्त गरेको छ। सोसाइटीलाई अग्रगामी पथमा डोर्याउने कार्यमा बिगत बर्षहरूमा कार्यभार सम्हाल्दै आउनु भएका अध्यक्ष ज्यू एवं पदाधिकारीहरूको भूमिका महत्त्वपूर्ण रह्यो। उहाहरूले पुर्न्याउनु भएको योगदान सोसाइटीको इतिहासमा स्वर्ण अक्षरले लेखिएको छ।

सो सोसाइटीले आफ्नो उदेश्य अनुरूप बिबिध क्रियाकलापको आयोजना गरी नेपालीहरू बीच आपसी सद्भाव, एकता अनि आत्मियता अभिवृद्धि गर्ने, गराउने कार्यमा अहं भूमिका निर्वाह गर्दै आएको छ। विशेषतः नेपाली सांस्कृतिक एवं धार्मिक मान्यताको जगेर्ना गर्ने, भाषा-साहित्यको श्रीवृद्धिमा योगदान पुर्न्याउने एवं विभिन्न पर्वहरूको आयोजना गरी नेपाली-नेपाली बीच भाईचाराको बिकासमा यसले गहिरो अभिरुचि राखेको छ। अर्कोतर्फ युवा तथा बालबालिकाको नैतिक, शारीरिक एवं बौद्धिक उत्थानको लागि पनि खेलकुद, चित्रकला, नेपाली भाषा कक्षा आदि कार्य सञ्चालन गर्दै आएको छ।

हाम्रा चाहना र आवश्यकताहरू दिनप्रतिदिन बढ्दै गैरहेकाछन्। हामीले गर्नु पर्ने कार्यहरू थुप्रै थुप्रै छन्। नेब्रास्कामा नेपाली छात्र-छात्राहरूको संख्या प्रतिबर्ष बढ्दै गइरहेको छ। डि.भि. परेर आउनेहरूको संख्यामा पनि प्रतिसाल बृद्धि हुँदैछ। साथै नेपाली मूलका भुटानी शरणार्थीहरू पनि थपिँदै छन्। यस परिप्रेक्षमा हाम्रा काध माथि पनि गहन अभिभारा एवं उत्तरदायित्व थपिँदै गैरहेका छन्। अतः भावी दिनहरूमा हामीले खेल्नु पर्ने भूमिका गहन छन्। हामीले सोसाइटीको इतिहासका पानाहरू सजाउने कार्यमा रोचक, जनमुखी एवं सार्थक कार्यक्रमहरूको तर्जुमा गर्नु पर्नेछ। यस कार्यमा हामीलाई नेब्रास्कामा बस्ने सबै नेपाली दाजुभाई एवं दिदिबहिनीहरूको न्यानो माया, समर्थन तथा साथ चाहिएको छ।

नेब्रास्का नेपालीज सोसाइटी सबै नेपालीहरूको साझा संस्था हो। यहाँ सबै अटाउन सक्छन्, सबैले आ-आफ्नो रुचि, क्षमता, योग्यता तथा आफ्नो कला र शिप अनुरूप आफ्ना प्रतिभाको प्रदर्शन गर्न सक्नेछन्। हामी सबैले नेपाली एउटै परिवारका सदस्य हौं भन्ने भावना लिएर आत्मियताको एउटा सुन्दर माला गास्नु परेको छ। र, अनि, नेपाली शान्ति प्रियता न्यानो भावनाको अनुपम उदाहरण प्रस्तुत गर्नु परेको छ, बिदेशमा पनि।

अन्त्यमा नव बर्ष २००९ को शुखद अवसरमा सबै नेपालीमा स्नेहमय अभिवादन टकाउदै शुख, शान्ति एवं समृद्धिको कामना म दीपक शर्मा न्यौपाने एन. एन. सोसाइटीको तर्फबाट ब्यक्त गर्दछु।



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An Unforgettable Vacation

By Noah Bastola, Age: 11, 5th Grade, Omaha, NE

Yep, the title pretty much describes how our 3 day vacation to Chicago went. Okay, let me start from day one of our disastrous vacation. At first it wasn't so bad. Our entire family, including grandma and grandpa, all woke up roughly around 7 o' clock because we had to go to the Chicago airport to drop off my grandparents off there so that they could fly back to Nepal . Everyone ate breakfast together except my dad, who had gone out to Enterprise to rent a van, because we didn't have a car that could keep six people in the same car.

Once we finished eating breakfast, dad brought the van and it wasn't exactly what anyone had in mind. What my dad had brought was a six seater, but that was all that it was. The car didn't look like it could fit any luggage inside it. Amazingly, most of the luggage did fit, although it was a little cramped. The only thing that didn't fit was my brothers wheel chair, which was the second most important thing after food. So we had to go to our last resort, the rooftop cargo. My dad was tense about the rooftop cargo, because it couldn't be fastened correctly because the car didn't have any bars on the top of the car. Never the less, we still went on ahead and put the luggage inside the rooftop cargo and left for our destination to Chicago at 9 o' clock on the dot.

About an hour after we left from the house we were on the freeway. Everyone in the van had been noticing some unusual noises from the roof of the van. Then at around 10:30 a.m., I was the first one to notice a loud noise from the roof. It sounded like a loud VOOMP!!! Then a sudden click, then everyone in the van turned around and saw our rooftop cargo fly backwards about 40 yards at amazing speeds. Luckily, the cargo didn't hit any cars or else there would have been a huge accident. My dad pulled over immediately and raced out to grab the cargo, along with my mom. My dad latched the cargo back on again and said he would have to fix it at a gas station nearby. So we went at less than a crawl, balancing the cargo on the roof of a car, on a freeway, going toward a gas station.

Once we arrived at the gas station, my dad found out the problem. What happened was the rope ripped, shooting the cargo backwards. So, as a solution, my dad bought a bungee cord like material to use instead of the rope so it wouldn't rip as easily. The rest of the way, we made easily toward Chicago.

When we arrived at the border of Chicago, there was a enormous traffic jam. The jam stretched almost 2 miles long! It took us forty five minutes just to get out of it! But there was more. Once we got to the toll booth where the cars were held up, another jam was right outside the tollbooth almost twice as long.

After we escaped the traffic jams, we arrived at our destination of Devon Ave. Once we arrived we all went to a nearby temple just to check it out. Once we went inside many people were praying to the statues when suddenly a white skinned woman spoke " HURRAY KRISHNA". I had absolutely no idea what she was talking about so I just repeated what she said.

A friend of my grandparents allowed us to stay at his house that night. We were all in dire need of some rest. While the man was giving us a world tour of his house I noticed many bugs inside of cracks, in the showers, on the ground, and around the walls and beds. When the man showed us the bathrooms, I popped the question about the bugs. He simply replied "oh yes, this house is infested with cockroaches". That was the key word he told me; it was for sure that I was not going to get a good night sleep. So that entire night I laid complaining about how disgusting it felt sleeping with filthy bugs. Once my dad got irritated with my wining he said, if you stop wining this minute, we will go look for a decent place- a hotel or a motel first thing in the morning tomorrow", so I did.

Breakfast, to me seemed like another disaster. Hours went by looking for a place to eat. There were restaurants everywhere in Devon Ave. Although, they were Indian cuisines and buffets, none of the restaurants served breakfast. We walked forever until we found a Pakistani restaurant. I for one did not want to eat there because it did not sound appetizing. But my parents said we were traveling and we should eat what we get. I ate at that restaurant only because my parents insisted. I ate some pretty peculiar foods that morning.

My family stayed at that restaurant until about 11:00 because my dad was researching on where a tourist attraction called the water taxi was.

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सुनको

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Once my dad figured out where the water taxi stationed, we left. Once in the car my dad typed in the location of the place in the GPS. And then once it was typed in, we left. About 20 minutes later, the GPS was correctly directing us then it suddenly stopped. What I mean by stopped is that it couldn't find a good signal to reach the satellite. My dad drove around trying to find a good signal and luckily we did. We arrived at the harbor, our destination. Once we parked our car, we went to the harbor so we could get tickets for the water taxi and board it.

When we reached the harbor, the place was packed with tourists. There were millions of boats and most of them looked fancy. The prices were quite fancy as well. There were boats that cost 300 dollars per person! But those were cruise like ships, my dad was looking for more of an architectural type of cruise because, as we assumed that the taxi had already boarded and left. So we found another ship that was just like the one my dad was looking for. It was an architectural water tour that took us all around Chicago. The man warned us though that the boat was leaving in at 11:45 and it was already 11:40. That's when the rush began. We almost had to run an entire 2 blocks before we could reach the place where the boat was docked. My dad wheeled my brother in a hurry to reach the boat on time. My mom and I tried to keep up, although it was quite hard dodging all those people. I wondered for a moment how my dad was dodging all those people like a space ship zooming through an astroid field.

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In a few minutes I could see where the boat was docked and the captain of the boat was preparing to leave. We hastily got on the boat just as it was leaving. Although the boat was heavily loaded with people we found seats on the very edge. My family had to sit apart from one another and my brother got a reserved spot for handicapped people. The captain introduced him self and then the four guide of the boat. The guide told us that the tour would last about an hour and there would be a lot to learn.

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During the tour, that morning, I learned that when there were high winds the Sears tower (built by an architect name Bill Graham) would shift left or right a few inches. I also learned that when it was built, it was built with metal tubes shooting 50 stories high, somewhat like a straw. It was supposed to be named the tallest building in the world, but was 32 feet short of the Petronas Towers of Malaysia. Another thing I learned that the buildings close to the water have a special type of glass that makes towers have a very unique color. At the end of our tour the tour guide sang a song while he played his harmonica, it was quite impressive.

When we got down from the boat, we com-

fortably strolled around the dock. Soon we found a nice shady spot, away from the blazing sun. In front of the tree was a large fountain that lots of kids were playing in. As dad was true to his word, he went looking for a place to sleep other than "the cockroach central". After a while, my mom brought us all ice cream and we ate pleasantly while we waited for my dad to find a place to sleep. At last my dad found a free room at a Motel 6 almost forty miles away. At about nine at night we reached the place and checked in. The lady in the front was half asleep and half awake so she wasn't really paying any attention to what we were doing. She just gave us the room card/ key and we left.

The next morning we left to drop my grandparents off at the airport. Once we arrived there, my grandparents went to the place to board and shed a few tears and left. On our way back to the motel, we stopped by a strip mall. My dad went to get money from an ATM and my mom went to get some food as brother and I were left waiting in the incinerating car. After what seemed like an hour, my parents came into the car with some money and food. Not more than 10 minutes after we left the strip mall, my dad gets a phone call from the strip mall. When he hung up the phone, he said that he forgot his credit card on top of the ATM machine but the man said that he would mail it to us once we got back home. That night, we went on a shopping spree on Devon Ave. We got back to the motel and slept right away because we got back late and we had to leave for Nebraska the next day.

I woke up at 7 once again to head back to Nebraska, because it was an 8 hour drive back home and we couldn't wait to get

home after all the disasters. We made it back to Nebraska smoothly without any loud unusual noises.

When we reached Nebraska, my dad dropped us off at home to un-pack and go to sleep while he went to return the rental car. However, my dad still had disasters of his own. He couldn't get his car started. So my mom called my cousin to go to Enterprise to jump start his car, in the middle of the night, out in the cold. At about 9 or ten at night my dad came home, very exhausted. At 11 o'clock I would officially say that our vacation was over. This was going to be some unforgettable vacation.



Congratulations to the following graduates from UNO & BU !!!!



From left: Sundar Man baidhya, Kalpu Rai and Sanjaya

NNS would like to congratulate all the following individuals for their graduation and wish them all the very best for their future endeavors:

UNO:

- Sanjay Rai
- Kalpu Rai
- Sundar Man Vaidya
- Niraj Shrestha
- Nitin Sharma
- Sami Vasistha
- Prabesh Kanel
- Sachindra Shakya
- Bikash Upadhaya
- Krishna Bhurtel

Bellevue University:

- Ram Chaudhary
- Pashupati Timisina
- Biwek Karki
- Devesh Dhungana
- Swaroop Tamrakar
- Rohit Thapa

!!!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Baby Saranya Rinzen Lama

NNS would like to congratulate dad and mom Anku and Sandhya Lama, grandmother Sushma KC and aunt Shristhi Lama for being blessed with a new baby girl.

We wish you Health...
So you may enjoy each day in comfort.
We wish you the Love of friends and family...
And Peace within your heart.
We wish you the Beauty of nature...
That you may enjoy the work of God.
We wish you Wisdom to choose priorities...
For those things that really matter in life.
We wish you Generosity so you may share...
All good things that come to you.
We wish you Happiness and Joy...
And Blessings for the New Year 2009.
We wish you the best of everything...
That you so well deserve.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009
Nebraska Nepalese Society

We wish you this New Year
2009 filled with Good Health,
Happiness and Prosperity.
- Gyanendra, Anima,
Agyashree, and Avik Khadayat

We would like to wish the
very happy new year 2009 to
all our friends and families
-Tara Nath, Deepa and Neha
Pokhrel



Lonely World Of Darkness

*Dilasha Neupane
Grade 9, Omaha North High
Magnet School

i stand in a lonely world full of darkness
i do not think the pain will ever get less
there are several reasons why i got here
every day is worse, it just gets severe.

i am cut so bad that i can never heal
but no one knows what is happening, and how i feel
my blood never clots, it keeps flowing
and my happiness fades away,
as the wind of sorrow keeps blowing.

i am trapped in the middle of nowhere
my fortune turned out awful, it did me no fair
i keep looking for someone, but find no one to defend
so i sink deep down till i reach the bottom,
and that is the very end.

NNS ACTIVITIES



Nebraska Nepalese Society celebrated annual Dashain Tihar program at the Bellevue University Social Hall on October 25, 2008. It was full of fun and delicious food. The program anchored jointly by Sopnil Bhattarai and Shristi Lama was started with a melodious deushi bhailo song performed by the young kids from our community. The deushi bhailo song was reflecting as if we were somewhere in Nepal celebrating Tihar by watching live daushi and bhailo at your own house. The program was then followed by many other marvelous performances. This was also the last day for the former NNS board and the induction day for the new board of directors for the year 2008/2009.

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On Nov 22, 2008, as an initial step to outreach the big Omaha community by the Nepalese living here, NNS rang the bell for Salvation Army at No Frills super market in Bellevue. On behalf of NNS, Taranath Pokharel, Purna Biswakarma, Gyanendra Khadayat and Batu Sharma volunteered for this activity.



One of the first mega events of NNS for this year and kind of unique of its own kind was to celebrate Sai Baba's birthday on November 23, 2008 at Hindu temple Omaha. It was a huge success with more number of people than expected showing up. Many devotees, young and old were busy for hours chanting bhajans and swinging in the music. The celebration was full of delicious prasads prepared voluntarily by various devotees. On the same day, NNS was able to collect more than \$6000 for the Hindu temple.

NNS organized a new years eve DJ party at Mickey Finn's Sports Bar on 31st of December. This New Years Eve celebration was another mega hit for the community especially for the young hearts. There was such a huge turn out that the tickets were sold out. People were busy singing and dancing tirelessly till 1 am in the morning. NNS was able to raise more than \$700 with this event.



DIAMOND DONORS

DONATION DRIVE TO HINDU TEMPLE

DONORS



Bimal/Bishnu Adhikari



Dr. Nabin/Dr. Rashmi Sapkota



Gyanendra/Anima Khadayat



Gyanendra/Smriti Bhandari



Jiban/Jamuna Giri



Tara Nath/Deepa Pokhrel

Nebraska Nepalese Society and the Nepalese community living in Omaha is proud of the following people who generously donated various amounts to the Hindu temple in Omaha through NNS on the auspicious occasion of Sai Baba's birthday on Nov 22 2008. In order to pay a deep respect to all the benevolent donors, NNS has decided to acknowledge them by publishing their picture in NNS newsletter. Along with this, the names of the individual who have donated more than \$1000 will be engraved on the temple wall. This commendable donation drive which could collect \$6493.11 for the Hindu temple was led by the co-founder member and current NNS advisor Taranath Pokharel. This is just an example of how we Nepalese are committed and dedicated to preserve our Hindu religion, culture and tradition and how we want to pass this positive message to our future generation.

"I was really touched by the generosity of the Nepali Hindu community. I personally feel that we at the Hindu Temple should strive to serve the needs of all Hindu devotees and any help in this regard is accepted gratefully."

-Dr. S. Paknikar, President, Hindu Temple Omaha

NNS has decided to honor all the donors who have donated more than \$1000 as DIAMOND DONORS. It is not a matter of how much somebody has donated but it is truly a sense of commitment and respect for our tradition and culture from their side and NNS would like to take this into a serious consideration. We all have clearly understood the importance of being the Hindu temple in our vicinity in order to keep up with our traditions and to teach our successors about the faith and respect taught to us by this rich Hindu philosophy. We sincerely believe this donation drive to be one way to expose our growing Nepali community into the diverse community of Omaha and we strive to continue such activities in the future as well. These kinds of activities will gradually expose this tiny Nepali community into the mainstream Omaha community and finally take us to its zenith.

Dimond donors:

Bimal/Bishnu Adhikari
Dr. Nabin/Dr. Rasmi Sapkota
Gyanendra/Anima Khadayat
Gyanendra/Smriti Bhandari
Jiban/Jamuna Giri
Tara Nath/ Deepa Pokharel

Other donors:

Binaya/ Samjhana Pradhan
Kiran/Bandana Poudel
Mahendra/Usha Adhikari
Ram Prasad/Brinda Parajuli
Suraj/Bima Shrestha



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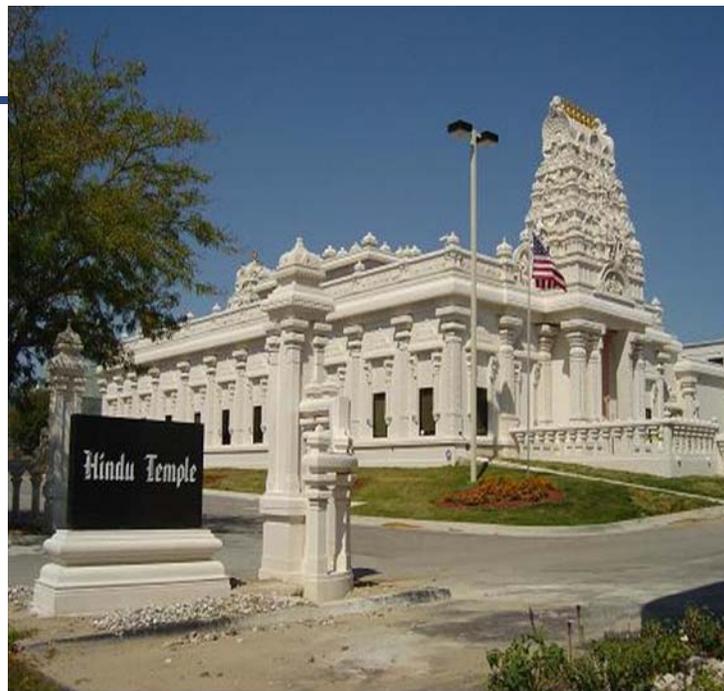
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इश्वोर ढकाल

ढकाल गाऊ - सिन्धुली

नेपाली मात्रको छाती गर्बले फूलनु पदर्छ
रंगीन फूलहरुका माला हृदयले उन्नु पदर्छ,
मेची-कालीका हौं हामी छौं त छाता एरुटै मुनि
पंछी ती बनै सम्झनछन सुनकै पिंजडामा रहेपनि/

न भासियो, न आतियो, न मातले बडारियो
न दूखले जोरी खोज्दा, सुख खोज्न हतरियो,
टल्कने तरबारको धार पसिनाहो श्रम हातको
जन्मै स्वाभीमानी नेपाली कथा हो यो इतिहासको/

सानो भूगोलको घेरा सार्वभौम स्वतन्त्र छ
हाम्रो सागरमाथा ऊँचो गर्ब को पराकास्ट छ,
बुद्ध जन्मदिने भूमि अजर हो यो, अम्बर हो
बहुलता जाती-भाषी स्वर्गको यो बगैचा हो/

कलह सत्रु हो हाम्रो चीरेर फाल्नु पदर्छ
बसुद्धैब कुटुम्बकमः मंत्र ये फुकनु पदर्छ,
हाम्रो जय अबस्य छ कम्मरकसी लाग्यो भने
रोगका जीव'नी भाग्छन तन सक्छयम भयो भने/

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हो सात समुद्र पारी आमाको काख नेपाल छोडी
जाने सधैर मेरा अप्तिप हौं नेपाली स्वदेशी
मनका व्याघ्र दुःख मैटने रहरमा गरी विदेश
नचुडार्थे माघौं आमाको, गरि श्रम फोर्दा स्वदेश
सन्तानले विसिग्र पारि भविसीने आमा हुं नेपाल
गरि उद्योग शरबी क्रीडा आघेर तिमी देश सम्झल
योग्य र उद्यमी दौरा दोरी गघेर सबै देश बाहिर
वसु कसरी घरको यो अशान्ति को आगे तार बचेर
मनको पीडा हृदयको व्याघ्र पोस्की पढाएको जानेर
कति रोयकी हु म यहाँ आमा हुं नी आइडेउ सम्भेर
आशिर्वाद आमाको ज्ञान ज्ञान मेरा सन्तानलाई
सम्पन्न वनुन गरी आर्जन मे आमाको आशिर्वाद पाई



(J.K.) / 21.11.20
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ART OF THE ISSUE
* Subodh Adhikari
Grade 10, Central High School



Subodh Adhikari



ART OF THE ISSUE
* Prinsab Poudel
Grade 9, Omaha North High Magnet School



Happy New Year 2009 !!
May all of your wish come true this year!!!
God Bless
-Suraj and Bima Shrestha

Happy New Year 2009 to all our friends!!
With Best Wishes and Regards!!!!
-Prahlad and Deepika Singh

Happy New Year 2009 to all our friends and families!!
-Jiban, Jamuna, Jessica and Jasmin Giri

Happy New Year 2009!! We wish you all good health, peace and prosperity!!!
-Anil Dhungel and family

May this new year 2009 bring full of joy and happiness to all our friends and families
-Ravindra Adhikari and family

Happy New Year 2009!!!! to all our friends and families!!
-Mahendra Adhikari and family

Happy New Year 2009!!!!!!
-Shila Adhikari, Jagadish Pokharel, Suraj & Shova Adhikari

Happy New Year 2009!! to all our well wishers and friends
-Giriraj and Sajita Sapkota

We wish you all very very happy new year 2009!!!!!!
-Basanta & Rupa Shrestha

Happy New Year 2009!!!! to all our friends and families!!
-Banshi and Nita Koirala

Happy New Year 2009!! We wish you all good health, peace and prosperity!!!
-Prakash Thapa and Junu Dahal

May this new year 2009 bring full of joy and happiness to all our friends and families
-Arjun and Sunita Suwal

May this new year 2009 bring many opportunities your way to explore every joy of life
- Sajan Shrestha and Family

May the new Year 2009 bring new hopes, new promises and new reasons to celebrate your presence in your lives.
Have a Joyous New Year 2009!!!!!!
-Binaya, Jyoti, Kayan, Krisha and Regmi family

May each day of the coming year 2009 be vibrant and new bringing along many reasons for celebrations!!!!!!
-Purna, Mana, Kanchan, Bishal and BK family

Here is our wishing that the coming year 2009 be a glorious one that rewards all your future endeavors with success
-Babu Ram, Manju, Prinsab and Priamwad Poudel

We wish that the new year 2009 leads you towards path of new found glories and successes!!
-TikaRam, Bishnu, Namrata, Mamata, Suju and Roshan Sapkota

We wish you all very very happy new year 2009!!!!!!
-Yadav karki and family

May this new year 2009!! mark the beginning of a year of pleasure and discovery for you. May each day hold something special, that is wonderful and new.
-Dr. Kiran Banstola and family

Happy New Year 2009!!!! to all our friends and families!!
-Kiran Poudel and family

Happy new year 2009 and merry Christmas to all our friends and families!!!!
-Ramesh, Sasmita, Samit and Saisha Adhikari

May this new year 2009 bring full of joy and happiness to all our friends and families
-Kapil, Sanchita and Sharma family

Happy New Year 2009!!!! to all our friends and families!!
-Kailash , Bimala, Yasshwashi and Asmini Khatri

May all the dreams in your eyes, all the desires in your heart and all the hopes in your life blend together in this New Year 2009!!!. Happy New Year!!!!
- Sanjaya, Ranjana and Saugat Shrestha

Happy New Year 2009!! We wish you all good health, peace and prosperity!!!
-Bimal, Bishnu, Binisha and Bisesh Adhikari

We wish you all very very happy new year 2009!!!!!!
-Dipendra , Suku and Anush Bhujel

Happy New Year 2009 to all our friends!!
With Best Wishes and Regards!!!!
-Netra, Sami, Arnav and Arya Pokhrel

We wish this New Year 2009 be a wonderful one for you and your family. May this bring the happiness desired by your heart !!!!
- Sarad, Sarmila, Sarup and Sarina Kunwor

May this new year 2009 adorn your life with many beautiful things and sweet memories to cherish forever!!!!!!
-Batu, Puja, Ayushma and Aarnav Sharma

लाज

- तारानाथ पोखरेल



मानव सभ्यताको चरम बिन्दु हो लाज !
तेसैले राख यस्लाई बचाइ ,
किनकी यो उदागियो भने
हुन सक्छ तिम्रो चिर हरन !!

घुम्टो न उठाउ प्रिय हुन्छ लाज,
किनकी हामीले छोप्नु परेको छ लाज !
आकाशले पनि मानेछ लाज ,
तेसैले सेतो बादल ले ढाकेको छ
हामीत मानव हौं प्रिय ,
तेसैले छोप्नु परेको छ लाज !

पहाडले त हरिया बुटा जन्माएर
छोपेको छ आफ्नो लाज !
बगरका दुइगाहरुले पनि लेहु उच्चाएर ,
ढपक्कै पारेको छ आफ्नो लाज !
हामीत मानव हौं प्रिय,
त्यसैले हामीले छोप्नु परेको छ लाज !

मायाँ

— नम्रता गुरागाईँ सिङ्गी, नेब्रास्का



आज फेरी दुःख थाल्यो बल्किएर मायाँ
त्यतै कतै अलिभ्यौकि छैनौं बायाँ बायाँ ।

आँखाभित्र राखु भने आशु बनी भर्ला
भाका हाली राखु भने अर्कोतिर पर्ला
आश्रयको मन्दिरमा छहारीकै मायाँ
त्यतै कतै अलिभ्यौकि छैनौं बायाँ बायाँ ।

बिश्वासमा साटेकिथे दुःख तिमीसित
साटुं लाग्छ सुखपनि गुन्गुनाउदै गीत
मेरो पिडा मेरो मर्म बुझने मेरो छायाँ
त्यतै कतै अलिभ्यौकि छैनौं बायाँ बायाँ ।

Message from Nepali Baba

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श्री गणेशाय नमः
Date: माघ २, २०६२

श्री अक्षय ज्यू, नेवास्वा नेपाली स्वयंसेविकासं नेवास्वा अमेरिका।

सम्पूर्ण नेपाली दाजुभाई दिदीबहिनीहरूलाई आशीर्वाद तथा शुभवाचना।

आफ्नो प्यारी मातृभूमि नेपाल छोडेर सात समुद्र पारी गैर कठिन परिश्रम तथा दुख सुख गलेले केही गर्ने थोको ली जानु गह्रवा सबै नेपालीको आइपुग्ने सपना हुन गरी तथा बाहिरै रहेर पनि राष्ट्रिय स्वतन्त्रताको सुरक्षा प्रेम युक्त गौरी कसैले अमेरिका भित्रै रहने सम्पूर्ण नेपालीको विचारा नेवास्वा नेपाली परिवार आफ्नो कर्मठ सेवा सद्भाव र बर्णभावले उदाहरण बन सकोस् यही मेरो उदा आशीर्वाद र सबैको सुस्वास्थ्य, समृद्धि र हरेक ईच्छाको पूर्णता सफलता मा श्री पशुपतिनाथ-श्री विश्वनाथ र भगवती विन्ध्यवासिनीको अनवरत वरदान कृपा प्राप्त भै रहेस् यही भ जहाँ रहु लखी आराधना गरू प्रायना यही हुनेछ। उन्नती प्रगती रूपी सफलताको लागि समग्र जो आवधतामा निरन्तर त्रिधाशिल बर्ण रूप तपोत्पा नै श्रेष्ठ सफलताको द्योतक हो। ईमानदारी-कर्तव्य पराधनता र ईश्वर प्रति विश्वास हामी सनातन धर्म मान्ने सम्पूर्ण हिन्दु तथा नेपालीको लागि संजीवनी हो।

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नेवास्वाको यात्राको तुरुपको स्नेह आश्रितता र प्रत्येक भक्तको धारणा बलको शिखा भन्ने विश्वास युक्त अंधाताको साधनापत्र आराधनामय ज्योतीले त्यहाँ काँचे प्रकाशित गरियो त्यो भ अनभिज्ञ हु। मेरो मन र भाषिण्यमा सदा सबैको तन्माय लगनशिलता प्रकृत्य भाव श्रद्धा हृदयमा प्रकाशित भै रहेको छ।

मेरो सन्देश युक्त अनुरोध सबैमा जहाँ रहुँ जसरी रहुँ आफ्नो जन्मभूमि आफ्ना र त्यसभूमिका स्वदेशी परिवार प्रति को कर्तव्य माया र स्वयंको जन्मभूमिको ज्ञान बुझाउने आदेश युक्त जिम्मेवारी बहन गर्न पनि नविर्सो। आफ्नो निम्नो परिवार र हनु भक्तको हृदय मेरो धेरै योग्य र माया गर्ने सन्तान बाहिर विदेश गमना हुन मेरो पीडा र दर्द मिठाद सन्तुष्टी दिन पलका पलकै हुन भनेर।

हामी संख्याले निम्नो पत्र तथा पत्रिका सबैको लागि संचार संजिवनी बनेर साथिक ब्यापक ज्ञानको र हक आपसका तिता मिठा पत्रिका कोशेली सबै लैसध

" गरी सुधापान र सरे गर मानव जीवन सार्थकै"
पुनः सबैमा धेरै धेरै आशीर्वाद स्नेह युक्त आशीर्वाद शुभवाचना।

(१/३/६२)

जगदाचार्य नेपालीबाबा

NEWS FROM NEPAL

DO YOU KNOW NEPAL WILL HAVE ONLY 11 MONTHS IN 2066 BS ????

The Festival Reform National Implementation Committee (FRNIC) has proposed that Chaitra, the twelfth month of lunar calendar, of 2066 BS, be recognized as the first month of the following year 2067 to adjust mismatch between dates and corresponding festivals being celebrated in the country. FRNIC, formed by the government to recommend action to adjust the dates, made the proposal after astrologers concluded that the lunar calendar lags behind by 24 days. The adjustment would ensure that festivals are celebrated on proper days. Speaking at a press conference organized in the capital kathmandu, Hari Narayan Malla, member secretary of FRNIC, said the lunar calendar lags behind by a day every 70 years. "We are still following the date that was set some 1,700 years ago," he added. This means, in total, the calendar is behind by 24 days. Malla said Makar Sankranti festival is being celebrated on January 15 this year, the first day of Magh, following the lunar calendar. However, the festival actually falls on December 22. Malla informed that nothing will have to be changed if a month is skipped. FRNIC has asked all concerned organizations and individuals to furnish their opinions on the proposal by January 29 at its office at the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation. Meanwhile, South Asian Astro-Federation (SAAF) has said that the date set for filing complaints or suggestions is inadequate. Issuing a statement, SAAF said there should be serious discussion among the public and organizations working on astrology before implementing the proposal.

(Source: WWW.KANTIPURONLINE.COM)

BROWNIE AND SMOKE

By Sanjaya

I have seen it for years
Like the morning ritual
The sun rises; the light declares its victory
The transparent door opens and the incense burns

The incense has a foul smell
To make it worse it's toxic and addictive
Filled with promises of death and disease
The irony lies in the smoke filter offering accolades

I have seen my dear ones
Loved ones, close friends, counter friends
Falling prey and I witness it everyday
Sinking deeper into that black hole

Sometimes I hear their cries and agony
In nicotine pills laying by their bed
In smoke free for 24 hour face book messages
And promises made to God, Mothers and their girlfriends

But it all comes to end when loneliness clings
Depression dawns and I can smell it burning
My dear ones soul like that puff of smoke
And their body like those tap of ashes

Breathing the same air with free second hand smoke
My senses dulls, mind gets cloudy and I can't tell the difference
Whether my dear one is smoking cigarette
Or cigarette is smoking my dear one.



आह्वान! नयाँ नेपालको

सुजाता हुगेल, ओमाहा, नेब्रास्का

ओ हो! थाकिसकेकि छन उनी
भो भो बल्ल सुसाँदै छिन्
(सम्झन पुनः चाहन्नन्
ति कालरात्री ति दिन)२

हिंसा र दंगाका चपेटा
अनी, तंछाढ मछाढको भिडमा
(धेरै देखिन् रगतका धारा
सुकदैछन बल्ल घाउका पाप्रा) २

नगर कोशीष बल्झाउन घाउ
समस्या आँफैमा मिली सुल्झाउ
(रित्तिका काख अरु नरित्याउ
भक्तिका अवशेष अझ नहल्लाउ) २

नपुछ फेरि कसैका सिन्दूर
नपार फेरि कसैलाई बिधुर
(नगर फेरि बन्द पाठशाला
नदुहुर्याउ कुनै लालाबाला) २

बल्ल ओभाएका तिन्का आँखा
सोचदैछिन शान्ती कहिले आउला
(नढाक लाशले फेरी खेतका कान्ला
आँफु,आँफैमा लडे पराइले हाँस्ला) २

DISCLAIMER:

- ◆ We have used various online Unicode software for Nepali typing. We have tried our best for reducing the typographical errors including the Nepali grammar. Due to limited options in those software, despite our great effort, some of the words are still incorrect. Please consider this thing in mind while reading the poems and articles published in Nepali.
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- ◆ In our previous issue, we mistakenly publish the last names of **Giriraj and Sajita Sapkota** as Koirala. We sincerely apologize for that and request all the readers to read their last names as Sapkota.
- ◆ Please let the publication team know if there are mistakes of any kind that needs to be taken care. We would be more than happy to address those mistakes promptly.

Despite our great effort, there were some errors in the names of some people in this issue of NNS Newsletter. We feel sorry for the discrepancy and want to express our sincere apology. We will publish the correction in the next issue of the Newsletter.

-NNS Publication Team



Bhutani Refugee in Omaha – an update * Dr. Kiran Banstola

Tek Nath, Rana Maya, Amir and Niraj Gurung are members of the first bhutani refugees to arrive in Omaha. The Gurung family started their long journey to Omaha from Bhadrपुर, which is in eastern the eastern part of Nepal. The family left Bhadrपुर on October 16, 2008 and stayed in Kathmandu waiting for their travel documents until October 20, 2008 and departed for Omaha from Tribhuvan International Airport. Although the family missed their connecting-flight in Chicago, they finally reached omaha a day later in October 22, 2008, a day later than originally planned. At the Eppley airport they were received by Kapil, Dipta, Mark, Lori and Jeff. The funding for their air ticket is an interest-free loan from Church World Service, Immigration and Refugee Program. The Gurung Family is expected to pay off this amount with in forty-two months after their arrival in the United States. This mechanism of travel loan is expected to allow sufficient availability of travel funds for other refugees relocating in the third-country.

The Gurung family is currently living in the Benson High School neighborhood. They have a two bed room apartment, which has been furnished by the Lutheran Family Services. In addition to being a safe place to live, this location has several advantages for people with out a car. It has access to public transportation and all the schools, whether elementary, middle or high school are in a close proximity to their residence. Additionally, the Gurung family live in the neighborhood where refugees from other countries, especially Burma, share the same apartment complex. This housing arrangement has allowed the Gurung-kids to socialize with other kids coming from similar family background outside of the school. Since the parents are going through similar transitory phase of relocation in a different country, language does not seem to be a barrier in communicating effectively to get the message across. However, learning to comply with government and other official rules have been a different story and has been effectively carried out with the help of great volunteers translating the document into Nepali.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kisers (Mark and Lorie), Batu Sharma, Deepak Neupane, Gynendra Khadayet, Kapil Shrestha, Dipta Rai and Amrit Chilwal for helping the Gurung family in their relocation process in Omaha. I am also thankful to the members of the Lutheran Family Services (Jeff, Leah, Claire and Zahra). I believe they have helped the Gurung family comply with the government rules and regulations with the help of our volunteers. The Gurung family now has a safe place to live, the kids have started school, they all had their Health and Physical examina-



ART OF THE ISSUE

*Dilasha Neupane



tion including the vaccination, dental and eye check done. primary care physicians have been chosen for the parents as well as the kids, they are going to ESL-class four times a week and very recently the parents started attending employment related training classes- a safe heaven program. The family is currently receiving a monthly check, food stamps and medical insurance from the government. Although, this financial assistance is expected to be available to them for a maximum of 24 months, we believe they will not be needing this financial support in the recent future. We have come to know that both the parents have been offered a job at Tyson and several of our volunteers are taking paid-time-off from their job to help the Gurung parents with the mandatory orientation process that requires translators help. If you or any one you know would like to join the volunteers group please sign up (<http://www.nnsociety.org/Joomla/refugee/frmvolunteer.php>)

or join our google group (<http://groups.google.com/group/bhutani-refugee-omaha>). We currently have forty one registered volunteers. Unfortunately many of them are only available during after hours and weak ends. Our experience now suggest that majority of volunteer help is needed during the hours of 8 am to 5 pm (Monday through Friday). Your effort in finding 1-2 hr to volunteer would be highly appreciated. One Saturday morning during the holidays, my family invited the Gurung Family for lunch. They shared with us their story about their life in the refugee camp and how their normal life in Bhutan was shattered. I think it would be a wonderful opportunity for the middle and high school students from our community to learn more about such stories and include in their writing project at school. If you or your child would like to participate in such activities please contact me or any members of NNS.

Finally I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your support and request you to join me in thanking all the volunteers who have demonstrated that Nepali are caring people.

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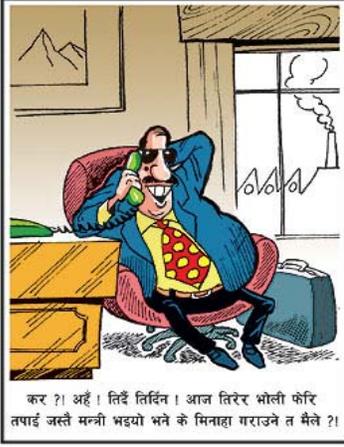
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कर ?! अहं ! तिदै तिदिन ! आज तिरेर भोली फेरि तपाईं जस्तै मन्त्री भइयो भने के मिलाहा गराउने त मैले ?!

JOKE OF THE ISSUE

I was sitting in the waiting room of a hospital after my wife had gone into labour and the nurse walked out and said to the man sitting next to me, "Congratulations sir, you're the new father of twins!"

The man replied, "How about that, I work for the Doublemint Chewing Gum Company." The man then followed the woman to his wife's room.

About an hour later, the same nurse entered the waiting room and announced that Mr. Smith's wife has just had triplets. Mr. Smith stood up and said, "Well, how do ya like that, I work for the 3M Company."

The gentleman that was sitting next to me then got up and started to leave. When I asked him why he was leaving, he remarked, "I think I need a breath of fresh air."

The man continued, "I WORK FOR 7-UP!!!!"

NNS PAST ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Bell Ringing for Salvation Army November 22, 2008
- ◆ Sai Baba Puja November 23, 2008
- ◆ NY DJ Party December 31, 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ General Meeting January 24, 2009
- ◆ Saraswati Puja January 31, 2009
- ◆ Hoops Day (interstate) March 14 & 15, 2009
- ◆ Nepali New Year April 18, 2009
- ◆ Satya Narayan Puja May 9, 2009
- ◆ Married versus unmarried Soccer May, 2009
- ◆ Ping pong June, 2009
- ◆ Badminton April 11/12, 2009
- ◆ Golf July, 2009
- ◆ NNS Annual Picnic + Volleyball August 8, 2009 at LakeManawa State Park
- ◆ Dar khane din August 22, 2009
- ◆ Dashain Tihar Sanjh November 7, 2009

- ◆ We are bringing out the next issue of NNS newsletter in April 2009. We sincerely request everybody to contribute to this newsletter
- ◆ For any advertisement, please contact NNS finance team or publication team at nnspublicationteam@googlegroups.com.
- ◆ If you have friends and families who are interested in receiving this newsletter, please ask them to email us at nnspublicationteam@googlegroups.com or provide us with their mailing address
- ◆ In order to empower the kids in our community, we are planning to have a separate kids column starting from the next issue of the newsletter. Please encourage your kids to write, draw or contribute in some way to the newsletter. We are also looking for some kids who are ready to coordinate the kids column. Please let the NNS publication team know if your kid is interested.



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