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Welcome to Chicago Chautari Times— 13th Edition



“We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something” - Sandra Day O'Connor. Where were we last year, where are we today, one year have passed since we started our newsletter, we started small, we started growing, our audience started expanding, our contents started broadening, people started talking, and

soon, Chicago chautari times became the talk of the town, it became the voice, it became the media to express ones feelings, ones message to the world. It became the platform for the youth to demonstrate their skills. The credit goes to you all. Congratulations to all of you for bringing this newsletter this far, and hope to receive the same kind of support going forward. However, Sky isn't the limit, there are still many areas for improvement, and we are actively

seeking feedback from our readers, contributors on ways of improvements. Please keep your feedbacks coming and/or be a part of this team. We need your help.

- Editors Choice.

We will have a special recognition award for our contributors in our next community gathering... stay tuned !!!!

रामभक्त हनुमान

जवदेखि परमभक्त हनुमानजीले अवतार लिएर यस धराधामलाई धन्य बनाउनु भयो, तब देखि भक्तिको रस सलबलाउन थाल्यो। माना वलाई भक्ति रुपि राजमार्ग निर्माण गरेर सत्मार्गमा लगाउने महापुरुषका रुपमा हनुमानजीको अग्रणि स्थान रहेको छ। भक्तिमा भरोसा र बिशवासको सर्वोपरिस्थान छ भन्ने कुरा त सर्व बिदित नै छ। तर हामिले गर्ने भक्ति र हनुमानजीले गर्ने भक्तिमा आकाश जमिनको फरक छ। हाम्रो भक्तिमा मष्टिष्क समाहित हुन्छ र मनले भक्ति गर्न खोज्छौ। जस्को स्थिरता अतिनै दुष्कर छ। हनुमानजीको राम प्रति यति धेरै भरोसा छ की जयसिया रामको ध्वनि उच्चारण गरेर त्यति ठुलो समुद्र तर्न सफल भए। रामभक्ति नै जीवनको आधार बनाउन सफल हनुमानजीले छति

चिरेर सितारामको दर्शन गराएर भगवानको नित्य निवास भक्तको हृदय हो भन्ने कुरा प्रमाणित गरिदिएका छन्। सितामाताले सिउदोमा सिन्दुर लगाउँदा रामजीको प्रय बनिन्छ भनेर भन्नु भयो। त्यहि अवसर हनुमानजीले खोजेका थिए। पुरै शरिरमा सिन्दुर लगाएको देखेर स्वयं राम र सितामाता पनि हास्तु भयो। आफ्नो स्वामिको खश्रीका लागि जे पनि गर्न सक्ने महान क्षमताका धनि हनुमानजीका मन्दिर यति छन जति रामजीको मन्दिर छैन। “अष्टसिद्धि नवनिधिका दाता, अवसर दिन्दि जानकी माता”। सम्पूर्ण सांसारिक सुख र पारमार्थिक सद्गति प्रदान गर्ने हनुमानजीको भक्ति विना राम मित्दैन र राम विना जिवनमा आराम पनि मित्दैन। स्वयं

राम भगवान पनि भन्नु हुन्छ “प्रति उपकार करहुँ का तोरा, सम्मुख होइन सकत मन मोरा”। राम भगवान पनि हनुमानको अगाडि उभिएर हनुमानलाई हेर्न संकोच गर्नुहुन्छ, किनभने हनुमानजी त्यो भक्ति हो जसले भगवानलाई पनि ऋणि बनाएको छ। पूर्ण समर्पणको अद्वितिय नमुनाका रुपमा हनुमानजी प्रस्तुत हुन्छन भने युग युग सम्म रामनाम जपन र रामा चरित्र सुन्न बाचिरहने हनुमान आज पनि जिवित छन। यो भाग्यशाली भक्तलाई बेलाबेलामा मिल्ने गर्छन्। चिरंजिवि हनुमानले हामिलाई भक्तिको मार्ग प्रसस्त गर्नु। अस्तु ॥ प.तुत्सी राम शर्मा

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दीप-शिखा झैं

सूर्यास्तका बेलाको सन्ध्या आफ्नै रङ्गले रन्जित भएर हो वा
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 अग्रिको भुवुरोलाई परास्त गरेर प्रदीप्त भएको स्वर्णको लावण्यझैं सुषमा देखेर हो वा त्यसैलाई पच्छ्याएर त्यो मधुशालामित्र चूर्लम्म डुन्न रविको गति तीव्रतर हुँदैछ आफ्नो गन्तव्यतिर
 औटोमनको शीत वा पालोमुनि पीताम्बर ओढेर थरथर काँपिरहेका वृक्ष-वल्लरी र अस्तको आभामा लुक्रलागेको सूर्यलाई म हेरिरहेको थिएँ सिकागोको त्यो चौबाटोमा निनिमेष भएर यता हेर्दा पनि उता हेर्दा पनि थियो चुम्बकीय आकर्षण त्यसै तिलस्मिताको भाव मनमस्तिष्कमा लिएर घर फर्केको म पृथक् हुनसकेन स्वप्नमा पनि त्यो मनमुग्धताबाट भोलिपल्ट उषाको अरुणिमासंगै दगुर्दै त्यसै चौपातोमा पुगेँ तरूको तिलास्मिता रविको रम्यता नदेखेर हतप्रभ भएँ सूर्यप्रभालाई गाँसेर मेघमंडल गर्रिरहेको देखेँ
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 सीकागोमा औटोमन अटोमटा उभिरहेको देखेँ प्रभावी भएको देखेँ

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Seven Golden Rules of Vacationing

With spring already in its start, summer in the near horizon, the gasoline price drastically increasing at the pump and the student academic year approaching its end, we are constantly reminded that our vacationing time is nearby. In fact, most of the families that I know of are already planning for a summer vacation – whether it's going to Nepal or Europe, or taking a trip to South Africa! Some family members are already demanding and threatening that this vacation be better than the previous year's or else! You will hear that failure to schedule a vacation for the entire family may cause some important bones in the body to be broken; the person who did not schedule a vacation may face severe sanctions from other folks! Last week-end, we went to our park district for registering our kids for the summer camp and we have a rough schedule on what we are planning to do this summer! I presume I should be safe here.

Take a casual glance around us, there is a lot of hype about vacationing. Travel agencies are constantly promoting their deals. Most national newspapers have a regular section about vacation and travel. A news anchor at a popular cable station talks with some journalist who is vacationing far away in the Chilean beaches or the calm waters of the New Zealand coast, and she trumpets that she is having a wonderful time! Or take the case of a family friend you know whose siblings are living in Europe, South Africa and Australia, and are planning an international family gathering / vacationing time in Thailand.

There are a lot of time-share companies promoting vacationing time. The common theme is that you purchase time-share slices in their companies, which then entitle you to a few weeks of international vacation time every year over your entire lifetime. What else could be better than that? They truly and honestly advocate that vacationing time is the biggest innovation since the invention of sliced bread and even the most important "experience" you can possibly buy for your money! For the rest, of course, you have the Mastercard! If you don't have the money to buy these time shares, they gladly offer financing at reasonable (once in a lifetime) annual rate of 14.99% to 24.99% per anum! Accord-

ing to these companies, everybody has to buy these time shares as the quality time when you connect with kids and family is more important than purchasing groceries at the local supermarket. Kid's education and other things are lower in the priority list once you fulfill your primary responsibility of taking the entire family to an expensive vacation treat!

Not only is the vacationing time one of the prime "water cooler" talking points around our offices but also when you meet a stranger at a party. A common starting point for conversation would be their "...last vacation time" or the next one they are planning to take in future. In almost all the cases, you will hear that their vacationing time was wonderful and better than that of anybody else! They will be happy to share some pictures with big smiley faces in the pages of popular social networking sites. So, given so much hype, I have attempted to jot down some truly golden rules about vacationing:

- 1) Vacation is an entitlement and it must be available for everybody automatically irrespective of ones' accomplishment in the last year. In other words, this is one of the things in life that does not need to be earned.
- 2) Vacation is very important for the well being of the society and therefore every body must take it at regular interval – the quicker the interval, the better the outcome. In fact if we can manage to send all the people in unstable regions of the world to a fully paid vacation for 2 days, most of the world's problems would be over!
- 3) Staying around the house and visiting nearby places (day trips) is no vacation at all. One must be very far away from home to be a on a true vacation. As an example, for people living in Nepal, vacationing time means they must come overseas to the US, Australia, Europe, Switzerland, even if they have hardly explored nearby places in their own countries - for it will not be categorized as quality vacationing time. For people living in the latter countries, they must go to remote places, otherwise

- their fun would be somehow limited!
- 4) The trip must be international and must cost over tens of thousand of dollars with any additional cost (the more the better) translating directly to your enjoyment, well-being and fun! In some sense this will help spur the growth of our slowing economy. Any cheapo travel does not qualify as a true vacation at all.
 - 5) One must take lots and lots of "smiley faces" pictures and immediately post them in the social networking web sites (of course, the sooner the better) as if you were vacationing for the people monitoring your whereabouts! By the way there are some people, including myself, who rarely post any comments in these sites, but in general know what is going on around the town!
 - 6) Once you reach the destination, you might be better off staying in your hotel room, getting up very late and doing things casually as you would be very tired from your long international journey. Afterwards, you might flick through the TV stations to find a local news anchor interviewing another journalist from your home town, and telling the audience how beautiful your own home town, an international destination, was. And you would repent whether you should have really spent all the money, time and effort coming to your international destination.
 - 7) Once you return back from your vacation, send a message to your manager requesting to take an additional week off from work to recuperate from fatigue and tiredness from your 5 weeks' long vacation!

Have fun and take your next vacation quickly!!

By Yagna Pant



Earthquake— By Bishesh Khadka



In the dawn of 2010, the world was surprised when Haiti was completely dismantled by a major earthquake. Then on February 10th, another earthquake happened here in Illinois, though this one was

rather puny. Most recently, on February 27th, a monstrous earthquake literally “shook” the earth. The reason I say that is because seismologists, the people who study earthquakes, now say that the 8.8 magnitude earthquake could have been so powerful that it might have shortened the day of earth by 1.26 microseconds and moved the Earth’s axis by 8 centimeters. So, how do earthquakes occur? An earthquake starts when rocks along a fault line break. The sudden energy release in the crust

of the Earth causes seismic waves which shake the ground. A cool fact about earthquakes is that one earthquake occurs in the world every 30 seconds! But they are so miniscule that you can’t even feel them! But please note that earth quakes cannot be predicted or stopped - its all in “Mother Nature’s” role. I hope this enriches your mind on the marvelous wonder of earthquakes!

Best Wishes to our April Birthday Stars

Apr 3rd: Pascal Adhikari



Apr 27th : Sutapa Adhikari



Submit your birthday Information with the pictures by via email to peopleofnepal@gmail.com by 20th of the month, to be included in our next edition.

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iPAD— By Kunz Mainali

The iPad is one of the most awaited electronics item of 2010. It is to be released by Apple, Inc this month. It runs on a modified version of the iPhone OS. With a 9.7-inch (25 cm) LED backlit multi-touch display and pixel resolution of 1024x768, the iPad doesn’t come cheap. The amount of memory varies from 16 to 64 gigabytes. There are two different models to be released - the iPad with Wi-Fi and the iPad with Wi-Fi + 3G. Other features include 1-gigahertz Apple A4 Processor and Bluetooth 2.1. Two ad-

vantages of the Wi-Fi + 3G version are Cellular and Geolocation. The Wi-Fi version weighs about 1.5 lb (680 gm) and the Wi-Fi + 3G version weighs about 1.6 (730 gm). Both can have a 10 hr. Video, 140 hr. music, and 1-month standby battery. The iPad was created to take down the Amazon Kindle. The app iBooks is where you can purchase books for your iPad. Some of the publishers include Penguin Books, HarperCollins, McGraw Hill, and Macmillan Publishers. The basic 16 gigabyte Wi-Fi version sells

for an expensive \$499.99. For the Wi-Fi + 3G, it requires a 3G plan from AT&T. Two plans are available - the \$14.99 a month plan and the \$30 a month. The \$14.99 plan gives you 250 megabytes a month, while the \$30 a month plan gives you unlimited data a month.



Life is Nature Sudin

Life is nature.
We are the flowers growing and growing.
We are the birds, flying through the sky of knowledge.
We are the trees, our talents on each branch.
We are sometimes the fallen leaf of the ground alone and sad.
We are sometimes the sloth, lazy and bored.
We are the ants working hard and diligently.
We sometimes are the lion, angry, losing its prey.
But we are mostly the green leaves on a tree happy and enjoying life.
Life is nature.

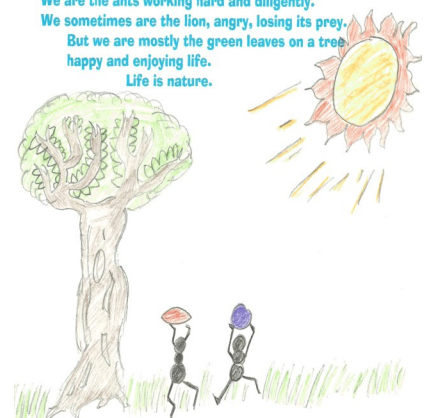
Grand Bear Water Park— Nisha Pant

On spring break, The Sharma-Seerla family, Das- Dutta family, and my family went to North Utica. We stayed at a water park/resort [Grand Bear water park].

Day one
After we reached there, we checked into the resort and then went to the villa and found our house. The house was HUNGU- MONGUS! The features of the

house were: 2 Levels, 2 Bathrooms, 3 Rooms, 2 Queen beds, 1 king bed, 3 TVs, 2 Fireplaces with switches, 1 Jacuzzi, and 1 shower. After that we went to the water park. There was a wave pool, lazy river, fun house, spa/ hot tub, slides and a baby pool. There also was an arcade. I won 100 tokens in a fish game but got more afterwards. I got prizes. My prizes were: 1 pack of playing cards, the game Donkey,

Chiclets and a dice. It was so much fun. I wish I could go there again.



News Flash : Nepali American Center (NAC) Updates – April 2, 2010

In the month of March this year, there have been significant activities and progress made in several areas. The following is a short summary.

1. **Community Participation:** The most important and encouraging news to report is the expanded participation of community veterans joining and sharing their valuable time to accelerate the momentum for NAC establishment. They have been found to be spending several hours of their precious time for the cause of our community each and every day. The names of the participants can be recognized below.
2. **Web development:** A major initiative is underway to bring the state of the art new Nepali American Center Website to life. It is hoped to be launched in the Nepali New Year 2067. As reported to you last time in this newsletter, this work is undertaken by our young professional team consisting of Deepak Khanal (coordinator), Roshita Mukhia, Ankur Sharma, Binod Dhungel, Smarika Sitaula, Sagar Regmi, Birendra Suwal Singh, Angela Khanal, Bishnu Phuyal and Lomash Shrestha.
3. **Web content development and editing:** Design for the phase 1 web framework is complete. Various materials to put in different sections of the website are being discussed, written, collected and are in the process of being edited. The responsibility for this work is undertaken by Rajeev Dahal (coordinator), Birendra Suwal Singh, Sharda Thapa, Shiva hari Achet and Suman Wosti. The necessary support is provided by all the above members of the web development team.
4. **Bank account:** We have opened a business bank account at Chase Bank on March 30, 2010 in consultation with ANMA president Mukesh Singh and Treasurer Rajendra Khatiwada. This account is currently opened under ANMA which will be the fiscal sponsor for the Cultural Center. This provision allows for any immediate donation to be tax deductible until NAC receives its federal tax exemption status in the next couple of years. Mr. Sharda Thapa has assumed the responsibility of looking after this activity. Current account signatories are Mr. Rajendra Khatiwada (ANMA treasurer), Mr. Ramakant Kharel and Dr. Bishnu Phuyal.
5. **Flier:** With the contents provided to Ms. Angela Khanal, she has designed a very impressive NAC flier. This flier gives main highlights of NAC that we know so far. Everybody is requested to use it to understand NAC and use it to explain NAC to others. Please do provide your suggestions. They are highly appreciated.
6. **Next Plans:** As stated above, website phase 1 development will be complete and will be launched on April 14, 2010 which is Nepali New Year 2067. We will notify you this via NAC website and other media. We will also notify soon in how many ways you can provide your support for funding. We also seek your input on how we can raise funds and make our activity financially viable in the long term. This is extremely important and we are all committed for its success.

We have just started this work. As you can imagine, there are innumerable things that are needed before we can see our dream come true. But we know that it will come true. It is only with the help of your suggestions, commitment and active involvement that we can realize it sooner rather than later. We have to begin compiling names, start reaching out to all Nepalese and friends of Nepal, start meeting with government and non-government agencies, potential individual donors, business and community leaders etc... for their support in funding as well as other matters. No matter where we go or whomever we ask for support, there is no doubt that we will first have to make a strong convincing case ourselves with our own serious commitment for this dream. Only then we can approach others. Therefore, I request us all to join this movement to show our unity and commitment in advancing our efforts.

I would like to conclude this status summary with a quote from Sherry Anderson: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless".

We're on the Web!
<http://www.nepaliamericancenter.org>

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By Jyoti Adhikari



News Flash : ASNEng Computer Distribution Project

One of the activities of the Chicago area members of American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng) has been to provide their professional expertise to fellow Nepalese and others in need. In September 2009, they received some used computers from Siemens Medical (Hoffman Estates, IL). All of those computers needed hard disks and some other peripherals. ASNEng members from Chicagoland area, the president of ASNEng and some local Nepalese donated money to purchase necessary hardware required to bring the computers to working order. The computers were refurbished with the parts purchased by the society engineers with these donated funds. These computers were distributed to recent Bhutanese refugees and other Nepalese in the Chicagoland area. So far, 17 families have benefitted from this. There are a few more computers left to be distributed soon. News related to this activity were published in previous editions of this newsletter. ASNEng is proud to have been able to co-ordinate this activity and thanks all the donors and volunteers who have helped in making this unique ASNEng technical and community activity successful.