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It takes a village to raise a child, this ancient african proverb teaches eternal truth. We'd all like to think we live in a place where people care about others -- where people pitch in to help when things get rough, where it's safe to leave the doors unlocked and let the kids play around outside. Community isn't always what it is supposed to be. Think about those times when there were lot of poverty, misery and discrimination. People had many reasons to feel sorry for themselves. But...people connected with each other, they had friends and family around them. So people helped each other out. Not only with the physical necessities of life -- such as food, clothing and shelter -- but also with the spiritual and emotional necessities. It's pretty awful when you

feel like you are all alone and the whole world is against you. Life is a lot easier when you are part of a network of friends and family, a community, a neighborhood.

It does take a village, to work with the family, to raise a child and weather the storms of life. If we want that kind of support, the place to begin is with ourselves. Community, like charity, begins at home. You start building a good neighborhood when you yourself decide that you will be a good neighbor. If you don't know anyone on your block, you can take the initiative. You can bake some bread and take it to your neighbors and introduce yourself. You can join temple, church,

mosque and become part of that community. You can reach out to your own network of friends and start building community.

*There are many things that we just don't have much control over. But like eating good food, building community is something that you can do, right here, right now, in the place where you are now -- whether or not you have a job, an education, or a car. Be the first one on your block to reach out and touch your neighbor. Make your neighborhood your village and find the truth that humans have learned the hard way. United we stand, divided we fall -- cooperation is as important as competition. - Editors Note
(Source: Partially taken from web)*

काली महिमा

काली माता संसारकी आधार शक्ति हुन । यीनैको शक्तिद्वारा संसारको सृष्टि, स्थिति र प्रलय हुन्छ । यीनैको आराधनाले भक्तहरूको मनोकामना तुरुन्त पुरा हुने हुँदा सम्पूर्ण नेपालमा यीनको सर्वोत्कृष्ट स्थान रहि आएको छ । शास्त्रमा पनि “कलौ चण्डी विनायकौ “ भनेर कलियुगमा तुरुन्त फल दिने देवताको रूपमा काली माता र गणेश भगवानको उल्लेख भएको पाईन्छ । शिवमा भएको ङकार कालीको रूप हो । त्यो ङकार निकाली दिए शिवजी शव बन्नु हुन्छ । कालीको शक्ति द्वारानै शिवजी संसारको प्रलय गर्न समर्थ हुनुहुन्छ । त्यसैले संसारमा निर्बल व्यक्तिलाई जनाउन पर्दा यस्मा शक्ति छैन भनेर भनिन्छ, तर विष्णु र शिव

छैनन् भनेर भनिदैन यो कुराले शक्तिको प्रधानता जनाउँदछ । देख्दा भयंकर लागे पनि नरिवल जस्ती वाह्यबाट कठोर र भिन्न अतिशय सुकोमल र ममतामयी माता काली आफ्ना सबै पकारका भक्तहरूलाई आश्रय दिने र कृपावृष्टि बसाउने गर्नु हुन्छ । “कुपुत्रो जायते क्वचिदपि कुमाता न भवती “ अर्थात कुनै छोरा कुपुत्र हुनसक्छ तर माता कुमाता कहिल्यै हुन सक्दैन भनेर जगद् गुरु शंका राचार्यले माताको सर्वोच्चतालाई प्रकट गर्नु भएको छ । विश्वप्रसिद्ध महाकवि कालीदास काली माताको कृपापात्र हुन । स्वामि विवेकानन्दका गुरु रामकृष्ण परमहंस भक्त

शिरोमणिका रूपमा विश्वविख्यात छन्, जस्लाई कालीमाले आफै आएर उठाउनु हुन्थ्यो र पुजा गर्न लगाउनु हुन्थ्यो । उनैको आग्रहमा माताजीले आफ्नो जाज्वल्यमान स्वरूपको दर्शन गराउनु हुन्थ्यो, जुन तेजो पुञ्ज देखेर रामकृष्ण परमहंस धेरै दिन सम्म मुर्छित हुनुहुन्थ्यो । संसारमा भङ्किएका विवेकानन्दलाई एक क्षणमानै ईश्वरको दर्शन गराउन सक्ने अपार शक्ति कालीमाता द्वारानै प्राप्त भएको थियो । सम्पूर्ण ज्ञान, बुद्धी, विवेक र ऐश्वर्यका खानी काली माताको उपासनाले जिवन उल्लासमय, उत्सवमय एवं आनन्दमय बन्दछ ।

पं. तुल्लिस राम शर्मा

Nepalese Ambassador Chicago Visit

His Excellency Dr. Shankar P. Sharma visited Chicago from May 12 -14 on State Department sponsored Ambassadors' program. On May 12, he attended a luncheon reception at Curry House Restaurant sponsored by Mr. Marvin A. Brustin, the Honorary Consul General of Nepal in Chicago. Some Chicago area Nepalese, businessmen, and professionals were present. Among other things, Dr. Sharma spoke also on the prospects of investment in Nepal due to Nepal liberal industrial policy despite still persisting political turmoil. A meeting with him and Nepalese was also organized at Northwestern University with his interest to meet more Nepalese living in Chicago. About 25 of them attended the meeting. They presented and discussed Chicago area activities. Dr. Sharma spoke about the status of machine readable passport, issuing of NRN card, slow but gradual change in political uncertainty, need to promote tourism by all of us, etc. The meeting was followed by dinner at Mt. Everest Restaurant.



Newsletter Contributions May '09 thru May '10

Family - Max Number of Contributions		Contributions	Contribution by Adults		No of Contributions
1st	Yagna Pant and Family	13	1	Pujari	12
1st	Jyoti Adhikari and Family	13	2	Jyoti Adhikari	8
Kids - Max Number of Contributions		Contributions	3	RD Pravas Chataut	4
1st	Niraj Pant	7	4	Dibya P, Biswa P	2
2nd	Kunz Mainali	4	5	Komal Dutta	2
2nd	Paras Adhikari	4	6	Bikram Niraula	2
Contribution by Kids		Contributions	7	Yagna Pant	2
1	Niraj Pant	7	8	Yati B	1
2	Kunj Mainali	4	9	Anju Adhikari	1
3	Paras Adhikari	4	10	Rummy Pant	1
4	Nisha Pant	3	11	Sarana Parajuli	1
5	Sudin Amatya	2	12	Binod Dhungel	1
6	Siddhartha Adhikari	1	13	Rajeev Ghimire	1
7	Bipashana Adhikari	1	14	Sudip Adhikari	1
8	Pascal Adhikari	1	15	Saurav Paudel	1
9	Aseem Chataut	1	16	Govinda Phuyal	1
10	Samichhya Adhikari	1	17	Maggie O Connor	1
11	Mahima Budhathoki	1			
12	Neha Khadka	1			
13	Bishesh Khadka	1			
14	Kabya Bastola	1			

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An Introduction to Binaytara Foundation (BTF)

CHICAGO, June 2010. Binaytara Foundation (BTF) is a United States public charity established in 2007 to promote health and education in the society. Current activities of BTF include providing scholarships to underprivileged schoolchildren in Nepal, providing medical research grants to medical students studying in various medical schools in Nepal, and telemedicine between the expert physicians in USA and physicians in the Manipal College of Medical Sciences, Pokhara Nepal.

The scholarships that BTF provides to school children go to underprivileged ones who are selected by a committee on the basis of their academic achieve-

ments, socio-economic status, school attendance and teachers' recommendation. Similarly, the BTF medical grants go to medical students whose proposals are evaluated for selection by Dr. Damiano Rondelli, a distinguished researcher, on the basis of their relevance to society. BTF encourages the practice of evidence based medicine in addition to experience based.

BTF telemedicine, launched this year using state-of-the-art wireless video communication, is already helping bring together students, interns, residents and other physicians at Manipal College of Medical Science to discuss challenging cases with the experts in the field from USA

on a weekly basis. Dr. Robert Molokie and Dr. Umid Shrestha are the coordinators of this program in USA and Nepal respectively.

BTF is an Illinois non-profit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. BTF welcomes support from individuals and organization in its mission to fight illiteracy and diseases, mankind's biggest enemies. Please visit www.binayfoundation.org to learn more about our endeavours and join us to make a difference.

- Dr. Binay Shah, Chair - BTF

God Is - By Sunita Amatya

God is eternal consciousness, divine reality, love, truth, pure, beyond attributes, ananda, almighty, all pervading, the embodiment of dharma, the witness, the shining spirit, the master of time, the guardian, father, mother, friend, and sole refuge. God is yours and you belong to him. So, live in God, with God, for God, see God and REACH God.

A) There is no place, no being, no time without divinity. Each and every being is an embodiment of God.

B) When you are filled with love, the lord is easily attained. Love is the very form of Brahman. The spiritual discipline lies in connecting your love with divine love. Love is a gift of God to every man and should be utilized for the service of world and for

uniting the world in peace and harmony.

C) Where there is faith, there is love. Where there is love, there is truth. Where there is truth, there is God. So, God is truth and the world is his shadow.

D) God is the ocean of bliss and happiness. Always be happy, cheerful and loving. When you are smiling, love will automatically develop in you. Krishna is always cheerful.

E) When God rules the world, how does he permit wicked things to happen to the world? God is not responsible for grief and pain. It's all laws of Karma. God is just the witness. God is not involved in either reward or punishment. He only reflects, resounds and reacts. He is the eternal unaffected witness. You decide your own fate. Do good

and you will get good in return. Do bad deeds and you will reap bad results. Do not thank God or blame God. Thank yourself and blame yourself.

F) God is watching all you do. He is always listening to you. The people around you may not be able to listen and see what you speak and do, but God is always listening to you and watching you.

G) God is always with you. He is mother, father, friend. He is closer to you than anyone. So, have a good relationship with God. Hold on to him firmly and live your best and happy life!!



Best Wishes to our Birthday Stars

May 11:

Prabhakant Das



June 6:

Dibyha Phuyal

June 26:



Jyoti Adhikari

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

BEST OF LUCK AND BEST WISHES TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SUTAPA ADHIKARI



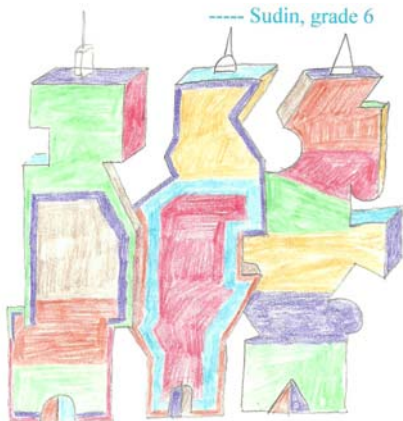
Someday - A Poem By Sudin Amatya

Someday

I say
Someday
That I shall be an architect
In New York where the tall buildings lay,
With the pencil in my hand,
Ready to imagine abstract buildings I can create.

Drawing the outside and the inside of the building
With the sharp point of my pencil
And with my mind ready to think and imagine.
In New York where the tall buildings lay,
With the pencil in my hand,
Ready to imagine abstract buildings I can create.

---- Sudin, grade 6



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Sudin Amatya— A Biography

12 year old guitarist Sudin Amatya attends the 7th grade at the Washburne School in Winnetka, Illinois. He began music studies at age 9 on piano at Swain Music Studios before beginning guitar instruction at the Music Institute of Chicago at age 10. He has studied electric and acoustic guitar with MIC instructor Jeremy Johnston since November of 2008. Sudin started on saxophone in the Skokie School cadet band in the 5th grade. In October of 2008, Sudin successfully auditioned for the Skokie School jazz band on guitar and currently plays saxophone in the Washburne Symphonic Band. In 2009 & 2010, Sudin earned perfect 1+ scores for solo classical guitar performance in the IGSM Wind & String solo contest –also winning a Superior score this past year for saxophone solo performance. In addition to school ensembles, Sudin performs regularly at his spiritual center and for the residents of the Glenview Nursing Home.



News Flash : Nepali American Center (NAC) Updates – May 30, 2010

Amendments to Name and Purpose

The original name of “Nepal Cultural Center Chicago” as registered in December 2009 has been amended to “Nepali American Center” at the Illinois Secretary of State. Likewise, the purpose as stated then as “Educational, Civic, Patriotic, Religious, Social, Benevolent, Charitable” has been amended simply to “Educational, Religious, and Charitable”.

These amendments were made with suggestions from many of you and also in keeping with our collective desire to obtain 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status later. As communicated in previous editions of this newsletter, it will always be possible to re-modify the name and purpose in future, should that become necessary.

Formation of Executive Board

To reach all Nepalese and friends of Nepal in Chicago area and beyond, to share the day-to-day responsibilities for various tasks, and to discuss and decide upon many concerns and questions raised, an Executive Board consisting of 12 members has been formed. The board members are 1. Ankur Sharma 2. Anil Rimal 3. Bishnu Phuyal 4. Deepak Khanal 5. Jyoti Adhikari 6. Kiran Byanjankar 7. Lomash Shrestha 8. Mukesh Singh 9. Piush Dahal 10. Prabhakant Das 11. Prasanna Subedi 12. Ramakant Kharel

Executive Board Meeting

Over a period of nearly one year, we have completed some work, achieved some success, approached some of our community friends, attempted to inform them about the importance of the goal, heard their concerns and questions, etc... Establishing the Nepali American Center requires us to do many more things. All of us have to be serious. This is only the start. As stated above, among the many things to be done, the most important work is the need to continue the community outreach programs to every one of our community members. This will help us inform each other about goals of NAC and give status updates, as well as highlight the importance of our participation. We will, of course, listen to their questions and concerns and request their full participation. We need to discuss and deliberate on the merits of their concerns and identify new initiatives. Our deliberations on their questions and concerns and finding new initiatives will chart the best course of action for us to serve our community and establish Nepali American Center successfully. The Executive Board will meet for the first time on June 5th, Saturday, at Radheshyam temple immediately after the fourth anniversary Puja to discuss these points and decide upon various future courses of action.

Coordination and Cooperation with various organizations such as NRNA ICC, NRN NCC USA and Others

Several Executive Board members attended the fourth regional NRNA ICC conference held in Houston, Texas, from May 28-30. They met and provided NAC updates to Dr. Upendra Mahato, the NRNA patron, Mr. Suman Timilsina, the president of NRN NCC USA, Mr. Murali Adhikari, Dallas area cultural center coordinator, and many other prominent Nepalese from all over the world. The national and international level leaders listened and agreed to our request to form a policy by NRNA ICC to coordinate such effort internationally. The NRN NCC USA president Suman Timilsina will soon call for a conference meeting with members undertaking such activities from Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington DC to discuss how meaningful cooperation for such activities can be realized in the United States.

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

Android 2.2 Codename Froyo

So what is FroYo, anyways? It is the codename for the new Android 2.2 update now released on the Android SDK and Google Nexus One. FroYo is also another name for frozen yogurt. The smart people over at Google in Santa Monica, California, decided to name all the releases in names of food (Cupcake, Donut, Eclair, FroYo, and Gingerbread). I have just tested it out and am very surprised on the better performance. You can test it out on your computer by watching this video: <http://bit.ly/91XJmL>. FroYo has notable support for flash (Yes!), now has bi-directional reading (reading from right-to-left), bluetooth voice dialing (on the Motorola Droid), and major graphics updates. Until this update rolls out, I'll be sitting here eating my FroYo :).

By Niraj Pant



News Flash : Balaram Ghimire Receives Entrepreneur Award

Each year the City of Chicago observes and celebrates the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. During this time various city, county and state governments recognize and award various individuals who represent different Asian countries and who have contributed to their community and the City of Chicago. This year, the owner of a Nepalese Restaurant - Curry Hut and Curry House, Mr. Balaram Ghimire from the Nepalese Community was selected to receive the Entrepreneur Award from the Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. The award was presented to him on May 18th, 2010 by the Treasurer. Several Nepalese were present at the ceremony to congratulate Balaram Ji for the well deserved recognition of his entrepreneurial work and contribution to the City of Chicago.

