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Nepali Association of Oregon: 2007-09 Progress Report

Since the election of the current executive committee at the leadership of Dillu Raj Thapa, NAO has completed following activities over the last two years.

Membership Status

At the end April 2009, about 173 (69%) of our community members have obtained annual NAO membership. It includes family, individual and student memberships.

Fund Raising

NAO organized five fund raising events and collected a net of \$2,005. The NAO fund raising events included Music Concert of top Nepali artists, Sanjay Shrestha, Sugam Pokharel, Saroj Dutta and their group; showing of documentary, “Swarga Jastai Manang”, and two Nepali feature films “Kagbeni” and “Krodh”. NAO also promoted the premier show of “Gorkah Rakshyak”, produced by our community member, Sunny Bee, who was also the main artist in the film.

Koshi River Flood Relief

NAO executive committee donated the sum of \$1031.00 to the local families directly affected by the 2008 Koshi flood in Inaruwa, Nepal. The NAO donation was used to buy clothing and shelter tents for the flood victims. The program was coordinated by the local representative, Ramesh Shrestha.

NAO would like to thank following individuals for their contributions of \$820 to the Koshi Flood Relief Fund: Sachin Thapa (\$500.00), Kinuko K Thompson (\$200.00), The Bhutani families (\$90.00), and unknown (\$30.00).

Community Outreach Programs

Mahabir Pun Talk Program

NAO, in coordination with the Nepalese Student Association, PSU organized a talk program by a winner of the Ramon Magsaysay 2007 award, Mahavir Pun, Ph.D. Dr Pun talked about his project of providing wireless internet services to the remote regions of Nepal with a “\$1.00 per month for 5 Yrs” donation. About 50 people attended the talk program. NAO thanks community members Narayan Gurung, Raja Shrestha and Sarita

Sitaula for coordinating the event. NAO VP Shuddhodan Ranjit for provided the tea to the talk program attendees.

2007 Outstanding Community Volunteers Recognition

At the NAO General Meeting and New Year celebration, NAO recognized the outstanding voluntary contributions made by Kanhaiya & Narbada Vaidya and Basanta Karki for their volunteer services to the community. The Plaque was distributed by visiting elder guest from Nepal, Shankar Prashad Aryal.

Everest Peace Project at the Tibetan Community Center

At the request of Director of Everest Peace Project, Lance Trumbull, who has sponsored a young Nepali girl, Maya, NAO raised a total of \$381 for her education fund. We appreciate the donations made by community members, Kush & Uma Shrestha, Sanjeev & Regina Pradhan, Suraj & Aruna Aryal and Namgyal to the fund. NAO executive member Mingma Sherpa provided the Cookie/Tea to the guests.

NAO help settle Bhutani Refugees from Nepal in Portland area

At the request of Lutheran Community Church & Catholic Church, NAO helped settle the newly arrived Bhutani refugees from Nepal in Portland area. Many Nepali community members at the leadership of NAO President, Dillu Raj Thapa, collectively spent many hours to help settle Bhutani families. Some of the community members spent extraordinary amount of their time for this cause and NAO appreciates their contribution: Kamal Sunuwar, Mingma Sherpa, Sanjeev Pradhan, Subash Poudel and Sunil Tamrakar.

International Cultural Festival at IOFTC

Representing NAO, Susang Lama performed a solo Nepali dance at the International Cultural Festival, a part of the International Open Friendship Taekwondo Championship on October 25, 2008.

Thanksgiving for Bhutani Families at Lutheran Community Church

NAO organized collection of useful household goods and clothing for the Bhutani families on November 29th, 2008 in Portland. 21 Bhutani families were helped with this program. The program was successfully coordinated with the help of 17 volunteers from the NAO community members. Thanks to everybody who donated the household goods and clothing. All the remaining items were donated to local Good Will.

Regular Activities

Besides, NAO continue to organize annual programs such as **New Year** celebration 2064, 2065 and 2066 in April 2007, 2008 & 2009; **Dasain** celebration in October 2007 & 2008; and **Summer Picnic** in July 2008. More and more community members are attending these events. NAO is committed to organize future events in more interesting and engaging manner.

The highlight of the New Year Party 2066 was that many dedicated community volunteers came forward to prepare and serve the delicious and authentic Nepali food to

more than 250 people. This would not have been successful without the coordination of Binita Baniya and Tara Kartki. Also, the community is very appreciative of Raj & Lalita Budathoki who let us use their home for the preparation of food for the event. As you can imagine this event could not have taken place without the volunteer help from many volunteers who came forward to make the event totally successful and memorable.

NAO hosted 6th Annual Northwest Nepali Joint Jamghat 2007 at Blue Lake park The picnic was well participated by the representatives from the Nepali communities from both Seattle Washington and Vancouver, British Columbia. Over 125 members from the Oregon participated at the picnic. The community member Sachin Thapa donated \$180.00 worth of chicken for the barbeque.

NAO, President Dillu Raj Thapa & Treasurer Jagat Shakya and their families participated the **7th Annual Northwest Nepali Jhamghat** at Vancouver, BC, Canada. This annual northwest joint picnic was hosted by Nepali Cultural Society, BC, Canada on August 31, 2008.

NAO also organized 3rd and 4th **Open Table Tennis Championship** Tournaments (Himalayan Friendship Table Tennis Tournament) at Portland State University, participated by many of our community members as well as Tibetans and American friends.

THANK YOU

NAO would like to extend our gratitude to following families who donated \$50 per family and helped us raise a total of \$800 to cover the cost of inviting 60 members of newly arrived Bhutani families to celebrate Dasain with us. Our immediate past president Kush Shrestha played a key role to raise donation money.

Anuj Regmi & Family
Bibek Shrestha & Family
Bikash Raghubans & Family
Bikram Raghubans & Family
Bimal Pathak & Family
Dibesh Shrestha & Family
Dillu Raj Thapa & Family
Kanhaiya Vaidya & Family

Kush Bhattarai & Family
Kush Shrestha & Family
Pradip Baniya & Family
Raja Shrestha & Family
Sachin Thapa & Family
Sarju Rajbhandari & Family
Satish Upadhyaya & Family
Subash Shrestha & Family

NAO also appreciates the **raffle gift** donations at the New Year 2065 party made by the following members

Prachin Shrestha 5 pairs of Nike Sports Shoes through Nike Company.
Nancy Doss 2 \$25.00 Gift Card for Hair Cutting from her Saloon.
Urmila Mali 2 OSU T-shirts & 1 OSU Cap through OSU
Sunita Thapa 1 Set of stylize your wall-display gallery

NAO established Scholarship Fund and Natural Disaster Relief Fund

NAO Executive Committee established a \$500 Scholarship program to promote higher education among the local Nepali high school students NAO donated seed money of \$500. An additional \$400 was donated by local philanthropist, Ms. Kinuko Thampson. The Scholarship Fund has an opening balance of \$900.

Similarly, NAO Executive Committee also established a separate account to manage the Natural Disaster Relief Fund with \$789 collected from various fundraising programs. This money can be used to provide immediate disaster relief causes with the stipulation that NAO organize the fund-raising to replenish the relief fund.

NAO Financial Summary by Program: 2007-2009

<u>Account Type</u>	<u>Starting (05/18/2007)</u>	<u>Ending (05/17/2009)</u>	<u>Net Gain</u>
NAO Checking Account	\$6,576.53	\$10,061.14	
NAO Scholarship Fund*	\$0.00	\$700.00	
NAO Relief Fund	\$0.00	\$789.00	
<u>Total Bank Balance (as of May 17, 2009)</u>	<u>\$6,576.53</u>	<u>\$11,550.14</u>	<u>\$4,973.61</u>

<u>Program Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Net Loss/Gain</u>
Dasain Celebration	6,924.31	8,343.50	1,419.19
Summer Picnic	734.73	252.00	(482.73)
New Year Celebration	5,413.12	6,364.25	951.13
Table Tennis Tournament	570.77	373.00	(197.77)
Manag Documentry 2007 Total	1,011.74	1,254.00	242.26
Gorkha rakchyak 2008 Total	3,380.00	4,380.00	1,000.00
Kagbeni 2008 Total	1,004.14	1,030.00	25.86
Concert 2007 Total	1,872.79	2,610.16	737.37
Krodh 2008 Total	400.00	400.00	-
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	500.00	-	(500.00)
Transfer to Disaster Relief Fund	789.00	-	(789.00)
Membership	-	2,275.00	2,275.00
Donation Total	1,431.00	1,294.00	(137.00)
Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Total	440.00	-	(440.00)
Administrative Expense Total	419.70	-	(419.70)
<u>Total</u>	<u>24,891.30</u>	<u>28,575.91</u>	<u>3,684.61</u>

NOTE: This Balance Sheet covers NAO programs between May 18, 2007 and May 17, 2009. Separate accounts for Scholarship Fund and Relief Fund were started on Feb 17, 2009.