

Namaste!

नमस्ते

Volume 7 Number 15

Official Newsletter from Nepali Association of Oregon (NAO)

Fall 2002

Vijaya Dashami

On the auspicious occasion of the Bada Dashain 2002, the Nepali Association of Oregon (NAO) extends warm greetings to all of you. With grace and mercy of the Goddesses Bhavani may you all be blessed with happiness and prosperity throughout the year.

NAO Executive Committee Election in Mid-April 2003

The two-year term of the current NAO executive committee will be completed next year in mid-April, 2003. According to the NAO constitution, we have to hold a new election of members of the executive committee. We encourage all of you to contribute to NAO by participating in the election of new executive committee on the Nepali New Year celebration in the spring of 2003.

New Babies:

Dibesh and Anupama Shrestha are blessed with their first son on July 13th 2002. The baby was named Kavi.

Diwakar and Katherine Maharjan are also blessed with their second child a baby boy, Daniel Nekusingh on October 4th 2002.

NAO congratulates both families for the arrivals of new joy to their families.

Nepali Bicyclist Duskar Shah in Portland

The Nepali bicyclist Puskar Shah stopped by in Portland this summer on his way to California from Canada. Mr. Shah began his world tour on bicycle in 1998. He aims to complete the tour in 11 years and set a new record for the Guinness Book of World Records in bicycling. NAO organized a potluck reception to honor his accom-

plishments at the Summer Lake Park on August 31st. At the potluck, which was attended by many Nepalis in Portland, bicyclist Shah shared his interesting experiences in various countries during his bicycle ride. A total of \$1500 in bicycle gear and cash contributions were raised for his cause. NAO thanks all those who helped Puskar with their generous contributions. We wish him all the best for the rest of his journey. For updates on his adventure, please visit www.thamel.com and link to Puskar Shah.

NAO Members Participate in the North West Summer Picnic

The Northwest Summer picnic organized by the Nepali Community of Vancouver BC during the Labor Day weekend was attended by Hari Ranabhat, Laxman Darlamee, Suva Shakya and Sudip Shakya. They also participated in the futbol (soccer) game organized during the picnic. The next North-West picnic will be held in Seattle and the third one in the year 2004 is expected to be held in Oregon.

Nepali Community Bhakundo Khel in Portland

The first ever Nepali community soccer game (Bhakundo Khel) between two teams- Machapuchhre (Fishtail) and Sagarmatha (Everest) was a great success. Team Machapuchhre won over Sagarmatha by 8-6 goals. The match, held at Wilshire Park in Northeast Portland on September 27, Saturday, was attended by about thirty people. The organizing committee has planned more games to be held in future. More details about these games can be found at portlandlaekwondo.com Please show your support by participating in the game or by cheering for the teams.

Nepali Language Class

Please send in your comments on our future plan of resuming the Nepali Language Class to our community children in Portland. Without your support such project can not be successful.

Mhapujaa and Tihar Program

As in the previous years, the *Saamuhik Mhapuja* will be held on November 3rd, Sunday at 4PM. For further information please contact the organizer at 503-282-0447 or by e-mail to drasha@aol.com.

Run for Sangita!!

Families, friends and neighbors of Sangita Raghubansh were among the 42 thousand people that took part in a Race for the Cure event held in Portland on September 15th. The program was organized to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and cure. Sangita's family, neighbors and friends wore a Run For Sangita T-shirts to demonstrate their solidarity in her fight with breast cancer. The day was concluded with the neighborhood potluck in the evening.



Condolence

NAO extends its deep condolences to Bimal Pathak and his family on the sad demise of his father Shree Gehendra Dev Pathak.

WWW.NEPALOREGON.ORG

Report on Himalayan Night 2002

Introduction:

Nepali Association of Oregon (NAO) organized a Himalayan Night 2002, a Nepali cultural program event on August 17, 2002 at Portland State University, Portland. The show of its kind featured local Nepali and guest artists from Seattle, Washington. The highlights of the show included Nepali dances (single, duet and group), two live dance/song combinations, including *Dusee_re* group song/dance, and the instrumental presentations. The program had two presentations from the Nepal Seattle Society—one duet and one group dance. The show represented Hindu and Buddhist devotional dances as well as the modern and rural Nepali ethnic cultures.

A total of twenty-six artists from Portland, Salem, Eugene (Oregon), and seven from Seattle (Washington) participated. About a 90 minutes long program with fourteen items were anchored together by a trio of masters of ceremony, Holly Shakya, Sagar Onta and Sristi Bhattarai.

About 277 people attended the program. Over sixty percent of patrons were Americans. A large contingent of artists and Nepali people came to participate in the program from Seattle.

Promotion and Media Coverage:

The program was heavily promoted through various means. The NAO website had featured the program details as well as the program flyer. The program flyers and posters were distributed and posted in most of public and accessible work places in Portland, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene areas.

The program advertisements were carried by local papers and local radio station (90.4 FM). A promotional article on the Himalayan Night 2002 was published in The Asian Reporter and the Willamette Weekly. The Oregonian also published two small articles promoting the show.

Sponsors and Raffles:

The following sponsors financially supported the Himalayan Night 2002:

The Asian Studies, PSU (Discount in Hall Rental and other services); Gifts From Afar (\$400); Pacific Cost Parts (\$200); Shakti Blue (\$100); Thamel.com (\$100); US West Coast Taekwondo (\$100); Bazaar (\$83); Himalayan Gifts (\$50); Kathmandu Café (\$50).

Altogether, the program raised a total of \$1,083 in sponsorship.

Himalayan Night also received raffle prizes from the following local businesses:

US West Coast Taekwondo (Gift Certificate for three months of Taekwondo lessons worth \$225); REI (a sleeping bag worth \$225); India Place (Gift Certificate for dinner for two worth \$25); Thamel.com (Gift Certificate worth \$50); and Gifts From Afar (Two Gift Certificates worth \$25 each).

The raffle prizes were valued at more than \$575. Raffle prizes were drawn from the paid audiences ticket tabs. The artists and the NAO executive members were excluded from the draw.

The Tazo Tea Company also donated 10 cases (120 bottles) of Bottled Ice Tea.

Promotional Booths/Tables:

Promotional display and sale tables were set up by businesses and organizations including Nepali Association of Oregon, Gifts From Afar, Himalayan Gifts, Potala Imports, Road to Tibet, Association of Nepal, Himalayan Research Bulletin and Eugene/Kathmandu Sister City. Several tables were also setup for cold drinks, chips and candy sale. One table was setup for book display on the Himalayan region.

Snacks and Drinks:

Snacks and Drinks were served to the audience at the interval. NAO collected \$57 from the sale of cold drinks.

Volunteers:

About thirty NAO members participated as volunteers to help organize the program.

Budget, Income & Expenditures:

NAO budgeted \$1850 for organizing the program. The actual total expenditures including the snacks were \$2172. That is, NAO spent 17% more than the budgeted amount for the Himalayan Night 2002. The over expenditure in the program was chiefly due to the increased costs of snacks, two additional hours of hall rental for the dress rehearsal on Friday, and printing costs of posters and flyers. In addition, some miscellaneous costs were not budgeted for. The Himalayan Night 2002 made a total revenue of \$4,297 from sponsorships, donations, and ticket and drink sales, with a net income of \$2,293.

Selected Comments from Patrons:

It is the first time Nepali community has done something with this level of success before the largest paying audience. What impressed many in audience was the whole organization of the program, not to mention the smooth flow of the program and captivating performances by the artist group.

Thank You to Artists and Volunteers of Himalayan Night 2002

Volunteers:

The success of the Himalayan Night 2002 was possible only because of the unselfish participation of our members. About thirty volunteers helped us in following major areas:

- *Stage set up and Decoration (including the construction of background Stupa)
- *Sound and light management
- *Floor management (Display table setups and sponsors banner setup)
- *Ticket sales and welcome at the entrance
- *Artist make up and snacks and water distribution and cold drink sale

NAO is truly blessed to have a group talented artists and dedicated, technically sound volunteers who worked very hard to make the program a grand success. A special gratitude must go to; Prajwal Bajracharya, Roji Malakar, Dillu Thapa, Birendra Shakya, Holly Shakya and Buddha Shakya—without their leadership the whole program would not have become a successful reality.

Our big appreciation and special thanks goes to Niraj Shrestha, Prasanna and Kabir Pradhan for their untiring and long hours of work in building a beautiful stupa for the stage. Niraj Shrestha also deserves our appreciation for his contribution of artwork on promotional flyers and posters.

NAO is very grateful to have Diwakar Maharjan of the US West Cost Taekwondo as our member, who has always made his Taekwondo School available for the NAO activities. He has allowed us to use his facility for the program rehearsals, his help is truly extraordinary.

NAO is equally grateful to have friends in Seattle, Washington, who brought the talented artist group to our show and gave a dazzling performance. The Nepal Seattle Society came as a group of forty member team, including seven artists. We are indebted by their performances and participation. Our special thanks to the president of Nepal Seattle Society, Tirtha Khanal for making this joint venture happen.

Finally, we should appreciate the hard work the program coordinator duo did from the very beginning to the end. Bal Joshi (coordinating artists, performance, rehearsal & technical details) and Daya Shakya (coordinating marketing, sales and general management details).

Himalayan Night 2002: Performing Artist List:

Bal Joshi	Birendra Shakya	Buddha Shakya	Devi Mears	Dillu Thapa
Dipa Malakar	Hari Ranabhat	Kebin Maharjan	Laxman Darlamee	Manisha Shrestha
Roji Malakar	Minu Mali	Manorama Rauniyar	Prajwal Bajracharya	Rashmi Shrestha
Sameer Sob	Sandhya Malakar	Shashindra Bajracharya	Sudha Malakar	Suva Shakya

From Nepal Seattle Society:

Madan Shrestha, Mamata Singh, Parbati Tamang, Pasang Sherpa, Sampurna Prajapati, Sita Gurung and Tshering Lama

Volunteers Rosters for the Himalayan Night 2002

Sound System Coordination: Prasanna Pradhan
Curtain Coordination: Niraj Shrestha and Kabir Pradhan
Stage Set-up: Bal, Niraj, Prasanna, and Kabir
Artist Make-up: Nischita Shrestha
Snacks & Drinks for Artists: Daya Shakya
Program Assistants: Buddha Shakya & Sagar Onta
Drink Sales Table: Ujwal Rajbhandari & Bikky Shrestha
Display and Info Tables: Daya Shakya & Kush Shrestha

Light Coordination: Dibesh Shrestha and Kabir Pradhan
Video Operation: Sudip Shakya and Yam Pun & Hari Ranabhat
Camera: Pushkar Pradhan, Shashi Bajracharya, Dr. Mahesh Thapa
Artist Costumes: Uma Shrestha and Sapta Malakar
Program Manager: Bal Joshi and Birendra Shakya
Hall Management: Daya, Raju, Kush, Darshan, Girish
Snacks: Girish Ghimire, Raju Mali, and Kush Shrestha
Communications & Promotion: Kush Shrestha and Daya Shakya

Ticket Check at Door: Suman Shrestha, Ganga Bhattarai, Kiran Bhattarai

Ticket Sale at Door: Bhima Shakya and Urmila Mali

Dinner for Artists (Potluck): Daya, Raju, Kush, Helen, Bernadine, Puskar, Rama, Hari, Darshan, Anupama and Girish

**Nepali Association of Oregon (NAO)
Balance Sheet: 2001-2002: Summary**

<u>NAO Activities</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Nepali New Year (B.S. 2058) Celebration	\$228.00	\$153.87
2001 Summer Picnic	\$509.00	\$345.25
2001 Vijaya Dashami Celebration	\$1,452.00	\$1,281.62
Nepali New Year (B.S. 2059) Celebration	\$817.92	\$657.39
Namaste Publications	\$22.00	\$22.00
Momo Bhela (Fund Raising Event)	\$429.00	\$91.54
Other Administrative Expenses	\$0.00	\$287.42
Loan Income & Loan Payoff	\$907.00	\$851.73
Total	\$4,364.92	\$3,690.82
Balance at the NAO Account (as of 6/30/2002)		674.10
Donations from Members for various Program Activities	\$174.00	4%
Memorial Fund Account		
The Santosh Memorial Fund	\$950.00	\$950.00

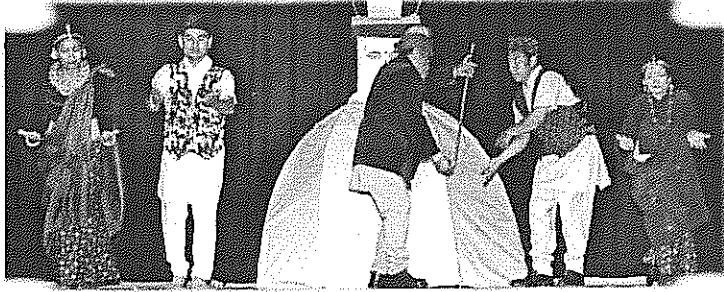
**Nepali Association of Oregon (NAO)
Balance Sheet: 2001-2002: Details**

<u>Descriptions</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Nepali New Year (B.S. 2058) Celebration		
Total Income (from Contribution)	\$228.00	
Hall Rental at Hillsboro		\$100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$53.87
Total Expenses		\$153.87
Balance		\$74.13
2001 Summer Picnic		
Total Income (from Contribution)	\$475.00	
Donation	\$34.00	
Total Income	\$509.00	
Foods and Picnic Utensils and others		\$345.25
Balance		\$163.75
2001 Vijaya Dashami Celebration		
Total Income (from Contribution)	\$1,372.00	
Donation	\$80.00	
Total Income	\$1,452.00	
Face Painter		\$100.00
Food		\$800.00
PA System Rental		\$163.86
Table Chair Rental		\$130.00
Miscellaneous Expenses (incl. Pictures)		\$87.76
Total Expenses		\$1,281.62
Balance		\$170.38
One Keg of Beer Donation	\$50.00	

<u>Descriptions</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Nepali New Year (B.S. 2059) Celebration		
Total Income (from Contribution & Drink Sales)	\$792.92	
Donation	\$25.00	
Total Income	\$817.92	
Food		\$520.00
Drinks		\$31.00
Miscellaneous Supplies		\$106.39
Total Expenses		\$657.39
Balance		\$160.53
Namaste Publication		
Income (Cash Donation from Suddodhan Rajit)	\$22.00	
Expense		\$22.00
Balance		\$0.00
Momo Bhela (Fund Raising Event)		
Total Income (from Contribution)	\$394.00	
Donation	\$35.00	
Total Income	\$429.00	
Expenses (including drinks)		\$91.54
Balance		\$337.46
The Santosh Memorial Fund		
Donation Collected	\$950.00	
Check handed to the Karki Family		\$950.00
Balance		\$0.00

<u>Descriptions</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Other Administrative Expenses		
Flower Bouquet for Members (NY BS 2058)		\$19.26
NAO Bank Account Open		\$100.00
NAO Registration (Picnic 2001)		\$20.00
Receipt Books (NY BS 2059)		\$6.76
Roji Malakar's Trip to Seattle (NY BS 2059)		\$50.00
Asian Heritage Dinner for two May 2002		\$40.00
Web Site Registration		\$38.40
Bank Charges		\$13.00
Total Administrative Expenses		\$287.42
Balance		\$287.42
Loans		
Loan from Raju for Opening a bank account (NY BS 2058)	\$100.00	
Loan from Raju for Vijaya Dashami 2001 Catering	\$800.00	
Other loans from Raju (Picnic 2001)	\$7.00	
Total Loans	\$907.00	
Loan Payoff to Raju Mali		\$51.73
Pay-off to catering		\$800.00
Total Loan Pay-off		\$851.73
Balance		-\$55.27
Total	\$4,364.92	\$3,690.82

Glimpses From Himalayan night 2002



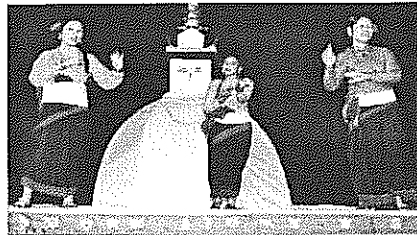
Mamata, Madan, Tshering, Pasang, & Sita



Birendra, Manorama & Buddha



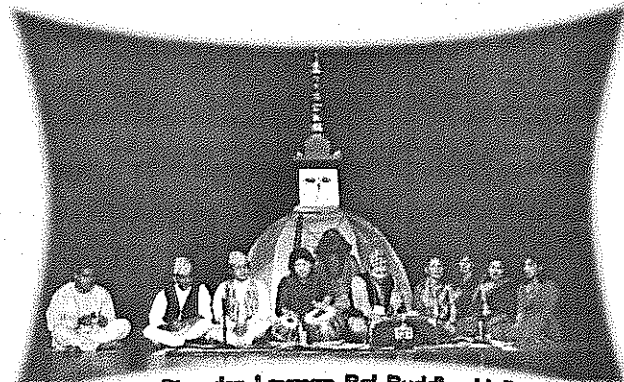
Sampurna
Parbati



Rashmi, Devi & Dipa



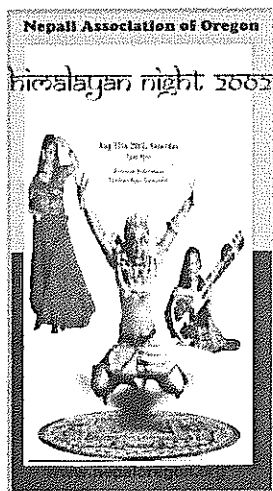
Manisha



Sauva, Hart, Dillu, Birendra, Laxman, Bai, Buddha, Holly, Roji & Mini



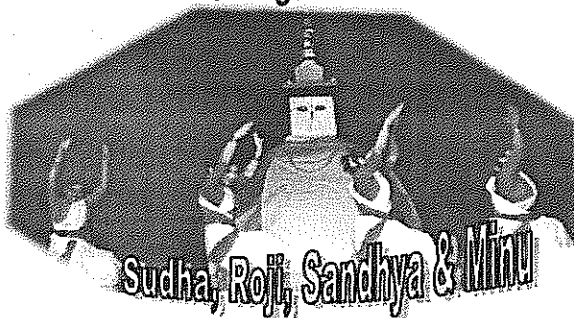
Roji



Himalayan
Night Video
now available!!
Cost: \$10 + S & H



Holly, Sagar & Shristi



Sudha, Roji, Sandhya & Mini

Editorial Board

Anupama Shrestha
Daya Shakya
Kush Shrestha
Purna Ranjitkar

Graphic Design

Bhima Shakya

Mailing Address

Nepali Association of Oregon
C/O Raju Mali
2140 Dogwood St.
Cornelius, OR 97113
503-357-1047