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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear FNA members and friends,
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We have been through the middle of 2003, and have had many activities during this time. We celebrated the Nepali New Year 2060 with a picnic at Orlando. It was well attended by friends from Tallahassee down to South Florida. The highlight of the gathering was the presence of Mr. Yog Prasad Upadhyaya, who came to Florida to meet fellow Nepalese. Mr. Upadhyaya is a well known politician/diplomat/learned man of Nepal. We organized an interactive program with Mr. Upadhyaya, which was participated in by more than 30 people present at the picnic. One thing I remember him saying was if anyone wanted to support some program in Nepal, he would help us find the proper channel. Friends in south Florida who couldn't attend the Orlando gathering had a picnic at a local park in West Palm Beach to celebrate the Nepali New Year.



As adopted by the FNA executive board, we were able to raise funds for the Chhatrapaati Free Clinic, Nepal. Our past president, Tirtha Mali, took lead on this project. On behalf of FNA I would like to thank Tirtha and others for their generous donations. A check has been sent to the clinic that will be delivered by Dharma Khanal, our executive member,

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NOTICE

Congratulation to Mr. Jeevan Joshi from West Palm Beach, FNA's Cultural Program Coordinator. We hope Mr. Joshi's contribution would excel FNA's cultural activities.

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on behalf of the FNA. If you are interested to know more about Chhatrapaati Free Clinic you may go to their website <http://www.free-clinic.de/>

Many of our youngsters graduated high school this year. Our college bound graduates are Rashmi Shah, Reecha Joshi, Ajay Kattel, Sheila Malakar and Asha Malakar. Similarly, Dev Bhandary (MBA) and Priti Bhandary (MIS) graduated from Nova South Eastern University. Congratulations to graduates and their proud parents.

Jeevan Joshi of West Palm Beach has accepted the responsibilities of the Cultural Program Coordinator. Let us welcome Jeevan and offer our help to make all the cultural programs successful. Thanks to outgoing coordinator Pawan Mali and look forward to his cooperation in the future.

Our Nepal-study forum coordinator Dr. Sunder Shrestha left Florida for greener pasture in New York. We will miss his active participation in organizing educational and interactive programs for different age groups. We wish him all success in his new endeavor.

Our annual gathering on the occasion of Dashain will be held in Gainesville, Florida on October 18, 2003. Stay tuned for detailed information on venue and program.

Bijaya Kattel, Ph.D.
President
FNA

Community Pride

A pride to Nepali community was brought by Ajay Kattel (captain), whose team secured second place in the nation in biomedical debate during the National Competition held in Atlanta June 18-22, 2003. Ajay also graduated as salutatorian in his class of 2003 from Palm Beach Gardens High School.

Congratulation to the Graduates of 2003

High school graduates:

Asha Malakar – East Side High
Sheila Malakar – East Side High
Rashmi Shah – Mast Academy
Reecha Joshi – John I. Leonard High
Ajay Kattel – Palm Beach Gardens High

Master's degree:

Dev Bhandary (MBA) - Nova South Eastern U.
Priti Bhandary (MIS) - Nova South Eastern U.

Chhatrapaati Free Clinic A Brief Introduction

Chhatrapati Free Clinic, established 47 years ago on 5 February 1957, is today one of the most popular, committed and successful health institutions in Nepal. More than 82,000 patients visit the clinic every year and the clinic has so far treated more than 2 million patients since its establishment. The clinic is mostly self-financed. Rent, a registration fee, charges for some of the specialized services and donation are the main sources of income. The truly poor patients do not have to pay anything. The whole institution constitutes of 21 doctors, 18 paramedics, 15 administrative staff and 15 volunteers.

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba has awarded the clinic with the prestigious Tulasi Meher Social Service Award for 1996 along with a cash prize of Rs. 100,000/- in recognition of its long and dedicated service to the poor and the needy.

FNA donates \$1,500 to CFC ... follow up news in Page 3 ->

If you have not paid your annual FNA membership dues yet, please fill out the following Membership Information Form and mail it along with your check to:

Radha Mali
FNA Treasurer
6320 NW 33rd Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32653

FNA Membership Information Form

New Member Renewal Today's Date: _____

Names: _____

Children's Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email : _____

Please check your membership category:

Family \$25 Individual \$15 Student \$12

Membership Fee : \$ _____

Additional Donation : \$ _____ (for the Nepal School Project)

Other Fee : \$ _____ (for Ads., Greetings etc.)

- \$20 Half Page Individual
- \$25 Half Page Business
- \$10 Quarter Page Individual
- \$15 Quarter Page Business

TOTAL : \$ _____

In the News ... (*The Rising Nepal, Kathmandu, July 14, 2003*)

US\$ 1,500 donated to free clinic

By A Staff Reporter

KATHMANDU, July 13: Dharma Khanal, a member of Florida Nepal Association (FNA) donated a purse of US\$ 1,500 to Chhatrapati Free Clinic (CFC) amid a function here recently.

CFC president Bijay Bahadur Mali expressed gratitude to the association for its assistance to the clinic.

“The financial aid will further help materialize the clinic’s goals of serving the poor and the needy people,” Mali said.

Khanal said that he was highly impressed by the service provided by the clinic to the poor. He also inspected the clinic.



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