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Namaste!

On behalf of the Nepalese Americas Council (NAC), Executive Committee, I am presenting you the very first newsletter highlighting the activities of NAC and Non Resident Nepali - National Coordination Council of America (NRN-NCCA).

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirit to read about NAC/NRN-NCCA programs and activities. Individually, we are participating in our family's and friends' efforts to upkeep Nepali culture. Collectively, we are organizing locally, regionally, nationally through institutions like NAC, and internationally through the global NRNA. Nepali Diaspora are bringing ideas and resources together for Nepal, either with individual initiatives and/or through institutional programs. The NRN projects have made significant differences in the quality of lives of those directly benefitting from them in Nepal. The lobbying activities of Non Resident Nepalis Association (NRNA) have brought NRN issues to positive vibe amongst policy makers in Nepal.

This newsletter, and its future issues, will attempt to bring together highlights and achievements of your local NAC member organization and share the news with other NRN organizations across the country and around the world. Please send news and activities of your local organization for inclusion in upcoming issues of NAC/NRN News.



Your comments and suggestions will help us improve the quality and presentation of this newsletter.

Thank you

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Dear friends:

Namaste.

I have recently taken over the responsibility of President of this prestigious organization, Nepalese Americas Council (NAC). Over the years, NAC has evolved as a National Coordinating Council of the USA for non-resident Nepali (NRN) Affairs. I, personally, and my team is very dedicated to advance the stature and contribution of Nepalis and Nepali organizations of the

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Feature Member Organization

Association of Nepalese in America (ANA). ANA is the largest and one of the oldest organization of the of Nepali diaspora and friends of Nepal in the USA and Canada. ANA was founded on July 1983 in New York and Incorporated in Washington DC in 1983 as a non-profit tax exempt organization. Since its inception ANA has grown steadily as an international organization attracting a diverse membership that includes resident Nepalis in the Americas and many other international scholars, scientists, outdoor enthusiasts, and philanthropists who share an interest in the Nepali Culture.

Starting in 1983, ANA has hosted over 20 annual conventions on July 4th weekends. The 2009 Annual Convention is being held in Oakland Convention Center, in Oakland, California during July 01 to July 05.

Details of the convention program is being developed at <http://www.ana-convention.org> The five day fun-filled event includes regular ANA forums, cultural program, fashion extravaganza, sports programs, dj night, movies, kids camp, and music concert presented by 1974 AD & Deep Shrestha.

The convention registration is available online at eticketbazaar.

NAC/NRNA Events & Activities

- 4th [Non Resident Nepali Global Conference 2009](#), Kathmandu, Nepal, 13-15th October
- NRN/NCCA meetings during ANA convention, Oakland, CA. Register for the event at eticketbazaar.
 - NRN Session: July 04, 2009 at 9:30 AM
 - [NRN General Assembly Meeting](#): July 04, 2009 at Noon
- NRN General Assembly meeting during ANMA-NASEA convention in Raleigh, NC, Labor Day weekend, Sep

USA to the global NRN movement.

NRN affairs has been in existence long before NRNA was formalized. NAC has been championing on many socio-political issues of Nepal on behalf of its member organizations and now with its evolution as NRN National Coordinating Council, it has expanded its horizon. Currently NAC has 33 member organizations, and our team is determined to add many more. These organizations are our strength. We are committed to reach out and involve as many local Nepali community as we can, to discuss NRN affairs and to coordinate other joint projects.

Briddhashram (old age living home) initiated from the USA and public library project initiated from Canada are being implemented as NRNA adopted projects . We are adopting few projects initiated from North America and would like to see global NRN community joining them.

We plan on communicating our activities on monthly basis through this newsletter. We welcome any NRN and NAC related news and articles.

Thank you.

Sincerely

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NRNA membership drives

- online through [Nepalese Americas Council](#) website
- through local town hall meetings at
 - Towson, MD, June 28, Towson Library at 4:00 pm
 - Washington DC, July 18, John Hopkins University @ 1 PM
 - New York City, Aug 22, TBD
- at regional/national meetings at
 - ANA Convention, Oakland, CA
 - ANMA/NASEA Convention, Raleigh, NC

Upcoming events are updated regularly at [NAC website](#) or send an email to nrnacc@gmail.com

NRNA Feature Article

Non-Resident Nepali Association: A North American Perspective

Naresh Koirala, Regional Coordinator for America, NRNA

The Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) was established in October 2003. The primary objectives of NRNA were to contribute to the socio economic development of Nepal by creating synergy amongst non-resident Nepalis (NRNs) and to lobby Nepali government to create conditions that encourage NRNs to be partners in Nepal's development.

The NRNA is recognized by the NRNs and Nepali government as the global representative of Nepali communities around the world. Forty-eight countries have set up NRNA National Coordination Councils (NCCs). The NCCs advance NRNA's mission at the country level and act as a communication conduit between NRNA and its constituents. The country level activities of these NCCs bring together NRNs to focus and work on issues related to Nepal and Nepalis living abroad.

The NRNA's organizational strength and its lobbying efforts have persuaded Nepali government to grant people of Nepali origin (PNO) long term visa to live, own or inherit property, and work in Nepal. Deliberations are underway at the Constituent Assembly to grant dual citizenship to the PNOs. Upon solicited recommendation from 48 country NRCC's, the NRNA has compiled and submitted recommendations to the Constitution Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly for the new constitution of Nepal.

The NRNA has also presented a policy paper on economic development of Nepal. NRNA is working to facilitate NRN's

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investment into various economic development projects in Nepal. NRNA adopted commercial projects and individual NRN endeavors have brought significant capital investments in hydropower, telecommunication, education, media, health care, banking, and tourism sectors.

Among philanthropic projects, an old age home (Bridhashram in Dev Ghat, Chitwan) and a last-rite ritual house (Kriyaputri Bhawan in Pashupati Temple complex in Kathmandu) have both been completed. The Public Libraries and the Tribhuvan International Airport trolley projects are progressing. The trolley project envisages adding 300 trolleys by October, 2009, of which, 100 trolleys have already been donated to the airport authority. Under the leadership of NRNA, Nepalis from all over the world raised funds to help recent flood victims in Nepal. NRNA also mobilized NRNs to help Nepalis who got into legal difficulties (e.g. Dolma Sherpa in Kuwait) and help those trapped in violent conflicts in a foreign country (e.g. Lebanon).

The North American National Coordination Council (NACC) of NRNA has joined hands with ANA to hold NACC General Assembly and NRN session during upcoming ANA Annual Conference in Oakland, California in July 2009. The GA will be preceded by a two and half hour long NRN session where matters related to NRN movement and its future will be discussed. Senior leaders of the NRN movement including NRNA President Dr. Upendra Mahato will attend the NRN Session. As the NRN movement has arrived in North America a little later than other countries, North America has opportunities and challenges to meet the expectations of global NRN community and the people of Nepal.



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