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## Welcome to Chicago Chautari Times - 111th Edition



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### Looking at Nepali American Center Activities

Nepali American Center (NAC) is organizing various community wide events since 2006. These events are spread throughout the year. NAC premier regular event is the monthly puja at Radheyshyam temple Bloomingdale and electronic monthly newsletter Chicago Chautari Times. In addition, NAC organizes other activities and events time to time. Two additional events also started from 2017 are the Dashain and the New Year 2075 celebration. NAC also organizes community wide blood events and other charitable activities by itself or in association with other social organizations. NAC also helps and participates in events held or organized by other organizations in Chicago and beyond. NAC discourages and defers to organize and participate in politically motivated activities, whether the political purpose be in Nepal or in the USA.

Monthly puja is organized once every month on the first Saturday of every month. It activity has been continued with no interruption since the month of May 2006. By now, this activity is very well known just not in Chicago but all across the nation and even beyond. This event is now organized for more than twelve years. The focus of this event is to engage Nepali community in spirituality by conducting puja, prayers, bhajans and spiritual discourses (pravahan) according to Hindu religion and culture. NAC's continued effort has made this activity one of the most popular event attended by 100s of devotees regularly each month. Visitors from other states and Nepal also arrive to witness and enhance this program in a regular basis. There are so many benefit of this program to our community.

This event helps keep one of the primary Nepalese religious activities alive in this new land and even attempts to thrive by adopting to changing needs in the new land and the new time. In doing so our community members can learn the core meaning and purpose of our life as taught by sages in the past and scripted in religious books like Veda, Upanishad, Puranas, etc. They understand the importance of disciplined life style for obtaining material benefits of many kinds and spiritual benefits through peace and happiness. This is possible because this program also allows us to listen and know wisdom from our guests from different place and different spiritual belief and practices.

The second advantage of this program is to build our future, align ourselves in better course for fruitful results. In that respect, this program is like a workshop for our children. They get opportunity to witness the peace and tranquil act of our devotion to various deities, understand the value of human potential for living a purposeful life for everyone with peace and thereby create amenable atmosphere for gaining material prosperity by networking. The environment that the monthly puja program creates is very peaceful and cordial and free from stress and worries. Our children witness this and there is no doubt they learn from it, appreciate it and will help themselves to shape their own life to be a better and wise person.

This event is well supported by number of leading women from the community. They help this program to run and assist in a smooth manner. Their participation not only provide sharing the load from existing team members, but allows welcoming atmosphere to the new members to share their vision and contribute from their participation. They also add value to make the program communicated more effectively so that more and more people know about it and know how to participate and contribute to it. - **Dr. Bishnu Phuyal (continued on page 4)**

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## Soccer



Getting the ball inside the goal  
without hitting any poles  
Kids slide tackling on the field  
With tons of med kits around to wield

Score a goal, everyone will cheer  
Cheer is a lot more different than fear  
Player running through the grass  
Hoping that they won't crash

Goalies ready to save a ball  
Attackers trying to score them all  
You can play with all your friends  
Show good sportsmanship when the game ends

- Jovial Rana , 5th grade, Chicago IL

## दुई मुक्तक - जेराणा



"भेटिएन"

आफ्ना कुरा सधैं माथि, अर्काको सुन्ने भेटिएन  
आफु तल पर्दै नपर्ने, गल्ति सुधार्ने भेटिएन  
ज्यु, हजुर, प्रशंसा पात्र, चाप्लुसीका भोगी भेटें  
जता हेर्यो मपाईं मात्रै, सज्जन साथी भेटिएन

ऋतु (Four Season)

न्यानो कुर्दै जाडो हुन्छ, घमाइलो दिन खै कता लाग्छ  
समरमा फेरि पोल्न आउँछ, शीतल ताप्रा जाउँ लाग्छ  
घाम, पानी र हिउँको खेल छ, स्प्रिंग समर फल विन्टर  
असन्तोषी मन हाम्रो, मौसम पार लाउन त् गारै लाग्छ



## A week with my sister

There was this one time that I was with my sister for a whole week alone without my mom or dad. It was winter break and my sister and I wanted to go somewhere, so we ended up going to San Francisco, California. Once we got there we looked for our aunt and uncle, they would be taking care of us since our parents wouldn't let us be alone in a hotel. So, we found our aunt and uncle then we waited for our luggage in the

luggage carousel and we finally got the luggage then we headed over to the parking lot then we went to the car and got it in then drove to my aunt's and uncle's house.

Once we got home we ate dinner as we started planning our agenda for the week. The next morning, we went to the golden gate bridge and on the way, we found a parking lot then we parked then walked the rest of the way there. When we got there, we found a total mess there were people everywhere. I wasn't surprised because it was one of the touristy places that you would go to if you were visiting. We walked around took some pictures and then headed back. That was day one...the next day the same thing happened but this time we planned in the morning since some things had changed. Instead we would go to our friends and family's house. It had been six years since we had visited, I was four when I last saw that family. So anyways, we went to their house and my sister had someone to hang out with so I went on search. I had nobody so I just decided to hang around with the grownups and act like I was listening. We went home--we had dinner there--then went to sleep. The next day we went back to our family friends and this time the auntie there had known my sister for so long she gathered up all of her childhood friends and people that she considered role models and then she went with them. Thankfully she had invited this family that the auntie apparently knew my but she had kids and so the aunties had all gotten together and my sisters group had gone together and so then the uncles had all gotten together and the only people were the kids so we got together. Some of the kids just went up the stairs and "intruded" the girls upstairs. So, this girl and I introduced ourselves and then we decided to think of something to do then we came up with pranking the kids upstairs. Then we just threw some stuff without anybody knowing so then we got bored and just talked. Then we went home and as soon as we got home I went straight to bed.

Then the next day my sister had plans of going out with one of her friends so then she and my uncle left so that left me, my cousin and, my aunt. So, while I waited, I did some coding on this coding website and then did my Kumon. Then, I hung around reading and talking. It was pretty boring. Then the next day we went to the beach we had brought some food and we ate that then I helped my uncle set up the tent then I headed to the beach and I brought a book so whenever I got bored I would read and then that's when my sister and I started to take some pictures and then we decided to go and then hike along the hill. So up we went talking about random things it was such a great view and the best time ever. That is the most memorial trip I have ever been on and the best one yet. - Isha Mishra



ヽ( ▯ ▯ ) / ♪ WAR! ヽ( ▯ ▯ ) / ♪

A couple days in the future there was a war! A small war, but a war that not even me Old English Text wouldn't forget! Please wait. Hey this is my story so you shoo! Hello there I am Calibri (Body) text! Nice to meet you I am suppose to narrate this story, but I had to go to the bathroom. Now let's continue. There was a... oh come on please leave. Well in the text rule book # 2314 it says that the first one who starts the story ends the story! No one uses the rule book; we use the online rule book. It's better because we don't have to carry a 10 percent of extra memory! Well I am narrating the story fair and square! Well in my online book it says no stealing stories! Which number? # 27462 and it says in # 27466 that the old book, by the way it's the one you have is now no need. So any rules in that book are FAKE! F A K E! FAKE! Now can I go on to my story and can you leave this page. What. Oh sorry I was a sleep. Can you get me some coffee! \(\ ^ o ^ ) / ! THAT IS IT!! LEAVE NOW! @ fine bye! Finally I can go back to narrating! Oh no! The page is almost way done! Stupid Old English Text! Now let us continue! Hey Calibri (body) text! Hi Snap ITC text. What's the problem? I wanted to narrate a story, but someone came in and I tried to kick him out and it took me forever! I can help you! With my depression? No and plus you have depression? It started about 100 words ago. By the way the page is being filled up. Oh no! Quick smaller font! Not bigger font smaller font! TOO SMALL! To big, but better than last time. There we go. Much better. Now I am so small! I wonder if I can go smaller and smaller and smaller and smaller and..... then bigger! Any ways bye! No the page! This story was supposed to be about a war, but I have no more space! Plus the Backspace button is broken, but how? Because of me! So any ways this is the story. Hey um hello I broke the button I made a virus. Are you even... By the way the cops are coming. Evidence? You said it out loud! So this is how our story goes, even though it was planned to be a war story. So to make this page full...actually it's not, oh wait the cops are here. BYE! – Aarogya Regmi

**Best Wishes to our June Birthday Stars**

**June 4 - Aarya Rimal**



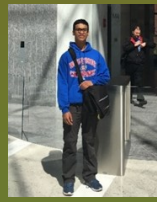
**June 7 - Regan Bista**



**June 10 - Simran Adhikari**



**June 27 - Binay Maharjan**



Submit your birthday Information with the pictures by via email by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, to be included in our next edition.

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS -Apr 2017 thru Mar 2018**

| Winners             | No. of Articles |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1st Aarogya Regmi   | 12              |
| 2nd Alok Das        | 9               |
| 2nd Arya Rimal      | 9               |
| 3rd Simran Adhikari | 8               |

| Contribution by Kids | No. of Articles |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Sanskriti Phuyal   | 7               |
| 2 Shikha Adhikari    | 4               |
| 3 Bishwo Maharjan    | 2               |
| 4 Isha Mishra        | 2               |
| 5 Rena Pokharel      | 2               |
| 6 Utsav Phuyal       | 2               |
| 7 Aayush Phuyal      | 1               |

| Contribution by Kids | No. of Articles |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 8 Aditya Pudasaini   | 1               |
| 9 Alisha Pokharel    | 1               |
| 10 Alvin Chapagain   | 1               |
| 11 Jovial Rana       | 1               |
| 12 Deepa Phuyal      | 1               |
| 13 Kajal Jha         | 1               |
| 14 Koyel Bastola     | 1               |
| 15 Nupur Phuyal      | 1               |
| 16 Pares Pradhan     | 1               |
| 17 Pramsu Parajuli   | 1               |
| 18 Rhitom Mishra     | 1               |
| 19 Rohit R. Joshi    | 1               |
| 20 Tara Pokharel     | 1               |

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## Looking at Nepali American Center Activities - Continued



The event organizing team are attempting to offer window of opportunity to inform personal and community wide information among ourselves through this program.

Most importantly, the organizing team is always trying to find ways to make our children participate and contribute to the program more directly. They are arranging the children to learn Hindu aspect of philosophy by learning and singing Bhajans, etc. to the devotees' time to time. This will definitely be a key plan to involve our children in the program so that they can find themselves also participant and contributor to the program, not simply the witness and observer. With these efforts, the parents find greater satisfaction to bring their own children to the temple to make them part of this community effort and make them learn the richness of our religion, culture and the fundamental core value of Sanatan Dharama that we ourselves have learned and practiced in Nepal.

The second regular activity NAC is performing from last nine years is the publication of monthly newsletter Chicago Chautari Times (CCT). There are two primary purpose of this electronic newsletter. It serves as the mouth piece of NAC through mass communications of NAC activities and its assessment. Secondly, it is used as a platform for skillful writers to contribute their thoughts in writing and publish in it. Most importantly, CCT is used to engage and encourage our young children in critical thinking and writing. The young writers contributing to CCT are awarded with gifts and certificate every year during the monthly anniversary puja in June.

The third NAC activity is the children school program. It was successfully run for more than five years. Due to some challenges, this program currently runs only occasionally. NAC is planning to restart this in the near future.

Lastly, one of the most notable charitable activity NAC performed in the year 2017-2018 was to help an orphan center called Joint Disabled Unity Awaz Center in Nepal. NAC sent \$1,500 to pay the tuition fees of the 42 orphan children center recently as shown in the certificate in the figure. NAC pledges to continue supporting this center as needed. A major effort is also initiated in submitting an application to seek nomination to the center founder Til Bahadur Karki for CNN Hero in the year 2018. Til Bahadur story is so unique that he was born disabled, lived as a pan handler for more than 25 years. He used his saving from that to establish the center and house the 42 orphans of the age 3 to 16 years old by offering them a place to live and open opportunity for them to go to school and build their future. NAC is strongly believes Til Bahadur deserves such recognition.

NAC believes that its tradition will continue in the year 2018 and beyond, will become more successful to unite and make ourselves stronger and vibrant community by adopting to the need of the community. We wish all for good health, happiness and prosperity for the year 2018!



### Cubes Stories

I followed a map that lead me to a cave. The cave had red glowing mushrooms and birds that somehow adapted to the cave ecosystem. I found a sword and a



shield and started playing a fighting game. During the game I beat my highscore and I got angry when my character perished, but I took a resurrection potion and upgraded score. When the character perished this time, I took a screenshot and left.

I went to the palace of the king and politely asked him for an elephant ride towards an interesting cave I had found an uncharted territory. The king was in a good mood so he accepted my request, but he demanded something in return from the cave. I agreed to his condition and went home to get my supplies for the exploration. I got an axe for protection, a flashlight, a sandwich and some bottles of water, and Zu, my pet monkey, wanted to go too. When I returned to the palace, I hopped on the elephant with the king and I showed him the way to the cave. On the way, I found many red glowing mushrooms. I barely saw any mushrooms where I lived but the king said that he had seen many so and I would not be able to use it as my gift for him. When we reached the cave, the king said he will be back in three hours. The king then went to explore the cave on his own. While I explored the cave, it seemed like any other cave until I came towards a split in the tunnel I traveled through; one side seemed like any ordinary cave split, but the other side seemed like it had small staircase leading downwards. I heard Zu screeching by the staircase. In curiosity, I went to the side where the staircase was and I was amazed! There was a skeleton of a giant monster that looked like a stegosaurus. It puzzled me that a monster like this was down here by itself. I didn't touch it; instead I waited for the king to come back and I showed it to him, he said this can be my gift to him and no one should touch this but it will be set up for viewing. - Pramsu Parajuli