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President's Viewpoint

To Our Valued ANS/CA Members, Friends and Families



When I look at year 2009/10, I feel that we have accomplished many expectations. More than ever, people participated in many great ANS/CA activities such as Dashain Celebration, Nepali New Year event and fun filled summer camp. Even on this historic economic slowdown, our friends and families sent funds to support needy families here in the US and in Nepal.

When I look forward, the path ahead will not be just enjoyable because we will face many challenges as well. We continue our social and cultural activities and promote membership, so more people can be brought together. Scholarship programs will continue with fair selection process, and fund raising events will be in effect as necessary. I have every confidence that with your great support, ANS/CA will do a lot better in future and thrive.

ANS/CA appreciates previous executive members who voluntarily took responsibilities and worked hard instead of spending their quality time to their kids and families. Even though they were sometimes discouraged by people who often complained, these men and women always cheered other people and tried to shape the society. They might not fill all your expectations, but they did what they possibly could. We, ANS/CA, believe that these individuals, listed below, deserve our respect for their outstanding task they performed on their term.

- Mr. Arjun Tripathi- President (Current President as well)
- Mr. Anuj Pradhan-1st VP
- Mr. Bushan Pradhan-2nd VP
- Ms. Stephanie Ano- Secretary
- Mr. Virgil Day- Treasurer (Current Treasurer as well)

I also want to welcome our newly elected executive members for taking huge responsibilities and carrying this society ahead.

- Mr. Manir Malla-1st VP
- Mr. Rabindra M Pradhan-2nd VP
- Mr. Rajendra Siwakiti- Secretary

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Congratulations to Ms Anuradha Koirala, founder and Executive Director of Maiti Nepal. She was named the 2010 CNN Hero of the Year on November 20 at the gala event held at Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles before an audience of nearly 5,000.

Since 1993 she has helped rescue more than 12,000 women and girls from the brothels and patrolling the border of Nepal and India. She has provided more than a shelter for these girls and young women, she has created a home through her organization Maiti Nepal.

The Southern California Nepalese community also held a warm reception in her honor.



(from left: Virgil Day-Treasurer, Rajendra Siwakoti- Secretary, Rabindra M Pradhan- 2nd V.P., Manir Malla- 1st V.P., Arjun Tripathi-President)



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Welcome New Members

Life Members

- Arjun Tripathi, President ANS/CA
- Rajendra Siwakoti, Secretary ANS/CA
- George Pappas and Family

Regular Members

- Larry & Connie Cowper
- Bimal K Guragain
- Rabi Chandra & Muna Pradhan
- Mahendra & Sumitra Shrestha

Congratulations

..... to Rajeev & Varsha Shrestha for their wedding on October 9, 2010.

..... to Smriti Joshi (daughter of life-member Niran & Ajaya Joshi) for her
Graduation from UCLA.

..... to Rummy Pradhan (daughter of Rabi Chandra & Muna Pradhan) for her
Graduation from CSU Long Beach.

..... to Ashish and Bandana Pradhan on the birth of their daughter -Ariana - in
January.

..... to Mahendra B Shrestha on his new job. He moved to New Jersey
along with his family in November, 2010.

Congratulations to Pravin U. Dugel, MD (Retinal Consultants of Arizona, Phoenix), second son of ANSCA life-member Ramesh and Pramila Dugel. Dr. Dugel is managing partner of Retinal Consultants of Arizona and founding member of Spectra Eye Institute in Sun City, Ariz. He was co-investigator in National Eye Institute research studies and in several multicenter studies. Dr. Dugel has authored more than 30 papers and book chapters and is the first person to receive both the Heed Foundation and the Ronald G. Michels Vitreo-Retinal Surgery Fellowship awards.

Congratulations to Dr. Pukar Malla for being elected as the President of the Harvard Graduate Council for the academic year 2010/2011.

Malla is a Masters in Public Administration candidate at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. This is the first time that a Nepali has been elected to such an esteemed position at Harvard.

Condolences and Sympathy

...to our life member Deepa Amatya on the demise of her father in Nepal on Laxmi Puja day. Deepa Amatya is the wife of Jitendra Amatya, past president and present advisor of ANS/CA.

...to The Crippen Family on the demise of ANS/CA members Dr. Edward F. Crippen on Nov 13, 2009 and Mrs. Cassie Crippen on July 14, 2010 .

...to Capt. K. K. Shrestha (ANS/CA life member) and family in Nepal on the untimely and sudden death of his wife Hashana due to accidental fire at her Puja Kotha on December 24, 2010.

Wish you all

A Happy New
Year 2011

Veda Joshi and family
Torrance, CA.

Shree PashupatiNath Foundation is seeking help to build a temple, stupa and community center in Southern California. Please help by donating generously to the Foundation for a great cause. Please contact the following address for your generosity.

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<http://www.pashupatinathfoundation.org>



Chairman Dr. Prachanda Pradhan and the Member Secretary Mr. Shailendra Rajbhandari of the Nepal Selection Committee for ANS/CA Scholarship Funds attended ANS/CA Nepali New Year 2067 on April 17, 2010



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Voice: Ram Krishna Dhakal

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"A Very Happy New Year 2011"

*to all our families and friends
in USA and Nepal*

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ANS/CA 2009 Financial Statement

by ANS/CA Treasurer

Breakdown of Account on 12/31/09
Bank Balance as of 12/31/09 - **\$8106.07**

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Balance Forward from 2008 \$8900.07

INCOME

Event Contributions	
New Years Celebration 4/18/09	\$3941.00
ANS/CA Camping Event 8/22-23	\$ 414.00
Dashain Celebration 9/12/09	\$3080.00
SubTotal Event Contributions	\$7435.00
Donations	\$1282.00
Bir Bahadur Pun Fund	\$1042.00
Gandhari Fund	\$125.00
Emergency Fund	\$15.00
Bandipur N. America Fund	\$100.00
SubTotal Donations	\$1282.00
Membership Dues	
Family	\$176.00
Single	\$10.00

SubTotal Membership Dues	\$186.00
Misc. Income	
Reimbursement by Veda Joshi for Bylaw Consultation Fee 8/7	\$700.00
Interest Income	\$119.38

Total Income \$9722.38

EXPENSES

Nepal Red Cross Fund Donation Cash	\$400.00
New Years Celebration 4/18	\$5442.72
Dashain Celebration 9/12	\$3186.19
ANS/CA Camping Event Cash	\$414.00
Gandhari Fund Donation (includes \$100 from ANS/CA)	\$225.00
Selton & Assoc. Legal Fee for Bylaw Consultation	\$700.00
Bandipur of North America Donation	\$100.00
Bir Bahadur Pun Fund Donation	\$1042.00
ANS/CA Donation Vet. Adm. In Memory of Dr. E. Crippen	\$100.00
NAC Membership	\$100.00

Total Expenses \$11709.91

Closing Balance As Of 12/31/2009 \$6912.54

.....continued Presidents Message

At the end, my appreciation goes to anyone who is serving this esteemed society by giving his/her tremendous time and working tirelessly to bring more people together. Have a safe rest of the year 2010 and Happy New Year 2011!

Warm regards,
Arjun Tripathi
ANS/CA President

“Together-we can make the difference”!

“Until you try, you don’t know what you can do.”

-Henry James

American Society of Nepalese Engineers

(ASNEng) was established in 2007 to provide a common platform for people of Nepalese background and interest in Nepal, who have expertise and training in any engineering, scientific and technical areas to come together and share knowledge. Please visit its website <http://www.ASNEng.org> for information about

membership applications and other details or contact Ramesh Malla, Ph.D., President of ASNEng. University of Connecticut, PO Box 39524. Baltimore, MD.

Also, if you need more information, and if you would like to get involved in the society’s professional activities in USA as well as in Nepal, you can contact locally to: Kanhaiya Kayastha, M.S., P.E., S.E., Board Member & Vice Chair, Technical Committee, ASNEng., E-mail: kkayastha@aol.com

2009 Donations Income:

For the Bir Bahadur Pun Fund:

B & G Shrestha	\$50.00
K & R Kayastha	75.00
Arjun Tripathi	125.00
Judy Lipton	50.00
Veda Joshi	200.00
P & R Amatya	101.00
Deepak Simkhada	100.00
A & S Pradhan	50.00
Shanta Paudel	100.00
R Parajuli & D Bhattarai	30.00
Bishwa Ghimire	101.00
R & S Pokharel	60.00
Total Pun Fund	\$1042.00
Veda Joshi for Gandhari Fund	100.00
V & S Day for Gandhari Fund	25.00
A & H Baidya for Emergency Fund	15.00
V & S Day for Bandipur N.A. Fund	100.00
Total Donations	\$1282.00

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Check out our new updated website, where you can get the latest ANS/CA news, send e-mail to officers, get membership applications online, or use the helpful links.

ANS/CA-Scholarship Funds Update for Semi-Annual 2010: by Veda Joshi

This year we started with a very unique program for Scholarship Funds. For the first time in the history of Scholarship Funds the Chairman Dr. Prachanda Pradhan and the Member Secretary Mr. Shailendra Rajbhandari of the Nepal Selection Committee for ANS/CA Scholarship Funds attended ANS/CA Nepali New Year 2067 celebration on April 17, 2010 and gave us first hand information as to how the NSC is handling selection process for selecting the prospective scholars and the check hand over programs to the scholars. They came all the way from Nepal on their own cost for this worthy cause. Mr. Shailendra Rajbhandari was accompanied with his wife Geeta Rajbhadari.

Out of six members of the NSC, three members decided to come. However, one member of NSC, Mr. Barun Baidya (Principal of Nepal Adarsha Madhyamic Vidhyalaya where most of our scholarship activities takes place) did not get Visa to USA.

On that occasion, Dr. Prachanda Pradhan, Chairman of the NSC, honored President Arjun Tripathi and Veda Joshi, Director of the Fund and Founder President with "DOSALLA" (Nepali traditional way of honoring persons). In return, Veda Joshi, on behalf of the ANS/CA, presented an Appreciation Plaque to Dr. Pradhan and Mr. Rajbhandari in person and handed over other plaques to Dr. Pradhan for other members (Mr. Kishore Manandhar, Asst. Chair; Capt. B. M. Amatya; Govinda Chipalu; and Mr. Barun Baidya) who could not come. Please visit ANSCA website for photo gallery for the photos.

We have nine scholars early part of 2010 (3 in ANS/CA – Betsy & Merrill Goodall Scholarship Fund and 6 in ANS/CA- Veda & Kyana Joshi Scholarship Fund). Now we ended up with only eight scholars as one scholar -Ms. Rasmi Lama Thokar – completed her three-year Bachelor's course.

A. Under ANS/CA-Betsy & Merrill Goodall Scholarship Fund:

Three continuing PCL scholars are: Ms. Anisha Thapa, Ms. Kabita Tamang and Ms. Nirmala Suwal. All three scholars have received first and second installments of grants of \$125.00 each installment for the first year and now waiting for the third installment. But they will not get it until they pass the first year final. Once they pass the first year final exam, they will get \$250.00 each for third installment for the first year and first installment for the second year.

Total scholars including the above three scholars from inception is 33, and 17 successfully completed the course since the inception of the scholarship grant in 1984. 3 are continuing and 13 scholars did not make it.

B. Under ANS/CA – Veda & Kyana Joshi Scholarship Fund:

(1) Miss Rasmi Lama Thokar (B.A.) – Passed three-year Bachelor course and her pending grant of \$250.00 for 2nd and 3rd installments for the third year was sent on April 30, 2010.

(2) Mr. Raj K. Maharjan (B.E.) –Passed third year second semester with 693 marks and is in the fourth year of B.E. This year he received \$375.00 (2nd & 3rd insts for 3rd year and 1st inst for fourth year).

(3) Three PCL scholars (Sarita Kafle, Manju Basnyat & Bhagawati Acharya) and One bachelor scholar (Manju Basi) are added in 2010. So far, they have received 250.00 each for first and second installments for the first year and now waiting for the third installment. But they will not get it until they pass the first year final. Once they pass the first year final exam, they will get \$250.00 each for third installment for the first year and first installment for the second year.

Since the inception of the ANS/CA-VKJSF in 2000, 50 scholars have received this scholarship grant. 31 scholars have successfully completed the course. Three PCL scholars and one Bachelor scholar are added in 2010 and they are still continuing. One bachelor scholar (Raj K. Maharjan) is also still continuing in the fourth year. One dropped out. 13 were unsuccessful.

Financial Status:

Interest rate is still very low and we are not making enough interest to support as many scholars as in the past.

ANS/CA - Betsy & Merrill Goodall Scholarship Fund earned an interest income of \$127.96 from CD and \$14.81 from Regular Savings Account as of June 30, 2010. Total grants so far is \$750.00. No donation received so far. \$100.00 in acct ending ... 5577 and \$29,544.10 in acct ending 5350). Total asset of ANS/CA-BMGSF is \$29,544.10 as of June 30, 2010.

ANS/CA - Veda & Kyana Joshi Scholarship Fund earned an interest income of \$60.17 from CD and \$21.02 from Regular Savings account. Interest/Div from D.B.Alex Brown – (BRCM account) is \$2.63; Cash Div. is 26.40. Annual Custodial Fee is \$150.00. Scholarship Grants so far is \$1,625.00. No donation received so far. \$90,000.00 CD was closed on 5-14-10 and deposited to existing Savings Account and we have balance of \$104,116.09 in Chase bank. We have cash account of \$2,700.81 and Stock 165 worth \$5,440.05 @ 32.97 as of June 30, 2010 with D.B. Alex Brown. Total asset of ANS/CA-VKJSF as of 6/30/2010 is \$112,256.95 including BRCM stock and cash account.

Regarding the transfer of ANS/CA-VKJS Fund to VKJS Foundation, we are still working on it. We will keep you update on it as soon as we can put our hands together. Aug '10/ VBJ

We hope you will support the America-Nepal Society of California by becoming a member. There are many benefits of joining the Society. The Society meets at least three times a year and publishes a newsletter called Dobato. As a member, you get to attend the meetings, run for office, vote in the election, receive a copy of the newsletter. The purpose of the Society is to foster understanding between Nepal and the United States through educational, cultural and social activities.

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