



Society of Nepalese in Hawai'i (SNEHA) Driven by Aloha Spirit

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"Egg Hunt" on April 11



Hawai'i Food Drive on April 18



Nepalese New Year 2066 on April 18



Run For Care on June 14



Bhanu Jayanti with Miss Nepal 2002 on July 11



Summer Picnic on July 12



Dashain on September 26



Music Nite on October 24

SNEHA: An Introduction

The Society of Nepalese in Hawai'i (SNEHA) is a public, non-profit 501(C)(3) organization located in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Established in 2007 with the shared faith of "SNEHA" "स्नेह" which means "affection, tenderness, or love", SNEHA is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and dreams of providing affectionate support to individuals and societies in need.

SNEHA promotes awareness of Nepali language and culture in Hawai'i, and supports children's education and women's empowerment. SNEHA also provides local and international humanitarian assistance to disaster victims and underprivileged individuals and communities. SNEHA's current members are from diverse backgrounds and origins, mainly from Nepal, Bhutan, India, and USA. Despite its diversity, SNEHA is a cohesive community united by its mission, culture, and values.

Charitable Activities

Hawaii Food Bank's Food Drive:

SNEHA participated in the Hawai'i Food Bank's State wide 20th annual food drive campaign. Several of our members (Alok Rajouria, Arjun Aryal, Bhima Rai, Bibin Shakya, Kabi Neupane, Kamal Gautam, Mandhoj Rai, Minu Lee, Mitra Neupane, Nandu Bhandari, Raju Maharjan, Roshan Manandhar, Suresh Tamang, Tim Lee and their Keikis) joined the food drive campaign on April 18, 2009.

Assistance to Nursing Libraries in Nepal:

Joe A. Niemczura, SNEHA's member and University of Hawaii faculty at School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, took a personal initiative to help Nursing Libraries in Nepal. He collected several boxes of professional level nursing textbooks worth tens of thousands of dollars and sent them to the libraries of Tansen Nursing Campus and Lalitpur Nursing Campus in Nepal. This year, he extended his program to Bir Hospital. Many of our visitors and guests assisted him by taking boxes of textbooks along with them when they returned to Nepal. If you know anybody who is returning or visiting Nepal and would like to help by taking a box of textbooks, please contact SNEHA or Joe Niemczura at jniemczu@hawaii.edu or (808) 956-5476.

"... you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed."
- Napoleon Hill

"Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."
- Andrew Carnegie

Preserving Nepalese Language and Culture:

The Nepali Language class continued to operate this year, including the summer months. Gita Neupane, a school teacher with substantial teaching experience, was appointed teacher for the Nepali class. On July 11, a welcome program for Miss Nepal 2002, Ms. Malvika Subba was organized by the class. The weekly class held every Saturday for two hours include exercises in reading, writing, conversation and games. SNEHA would like to thank supports for donation in cash and kind that has allowed this program to extend this valuable service to the students who mainly comprise of children of SNEHA members.

Financial Report:

2008 Balance \$1,521.14
2009 Income \$5,582.00
2009 Expense \$4,709.78
2009 Balance \$2,393.36

SNEHA Executives - 2009:



President: Bibin Shakya
Vice-President: Mandhoj Rai
Secretary: Alok Rajouria
Asst.-Secretary: Jiw Nath Ghimire
Treasurer: Roshan Manandhar
Members: Bedhika Sharma
Joe Niemczura
Rachana Shrestha (not in picture)
Surya Laxmi Suwal Maharjan

Condolences:



This year SNEHA untimely lost one of its young members, Neeva Shrestha. Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

May she rest in peace.

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