

I'm a Lion



Ajaya Chhochoon – Charter President



It is my great honor to be a part of the largest humanitarian organization in this world.

I feel proud to be called a Lion because I am associated with such an International association where I need to be qualified to be a Lion. Lion Sanu Raja Shakya of Kathmandu Bagmati Lions Club of Dist 325, back in 1988 approached me and said that I should be a Lion.

He also said that he wanted to recommend me to a Lions Club where I would get to work together with the other members for less fortunate people. Honestly, I did not understand his words then but I completely do understand now.

I was very distressed when my membership was dropped in Kathmandu because I moved to US and could not adhere to my responsibilities as a Lion. This really bothered me for almost two years until one fine day when Lion Carlton Dorman invited me to be a guest speaker in Irving Noon Lions club.

I spoke for almost 30 minutes about Lions, Lionism and myself as a Lion back in Nepal. History repeated itself as I was given the honor, one more time, to be a Lion. I became a member of Irving Evening Lions Club. I felt so elated that day. That was one of the fewest happy days of my life.

Though as a common-man, I should focus on myself but two things always made me to think - less fortunate people of my country in Nepal and overlooked Nepalese Community in Texas.

One evening, I thought, I should associate my community with Lions Local Chapter in Dallas, and it will bring a way out to help less fortunate people back home and also help grow Nepalese Community in Texas. I shared my feelings with like minded friends from my community and we were able to form Dallas Everest Lions club in Lions year 2002/2003. It is the hard effort of all the Charter members who relentlessly dedicated their heart to form this club. I extend my sincere gratitude to all of them - wherever they are today.

I feel very proud to be a Lion and be able to form the first ever Lions Club of Nepalese Community in United States. Today, as DELC members, we are working together for the needy people in Nepal and in US. DELC is now recognized as one of the established organizations in the Nepalese Community and an active Lions Club in Dist. 2x1.

And before I conclude, I would like to reiterate that I am a Lion. I work for children. I work for senior citizens. I work for disables. I work for poor. I work for less fortunate and everyone in need. This whole world is my community and I am blessed with this great opportunity to serve the occupants of this world. My passion is "WE SERVE" and I work with my fellow lions to achieve the mission of Lions International - "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation."

My respectful salutation to Melvin Jones who founded such a great humanitarian organization to serve the world!

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Message from President Mahendra - *Your one \$ can do something...*

It has been almost three months since I was elected the President of Dallas Everest Lions Club. I'm privileged and honored to be the president of this club. I promise to work for the success of our club to the best of my ability...and take the club to the next level.



Time flies too fast. During the last 4 years, we have accomplished many fun and fundraising activities. Our annual cultural program "An Evening in Nepal" has been very popular and successful. It has also helped to grow fellowship among Lions and our community fellows. Culture is the pride & soul of every nation. It is just like a mirror that reflects the beauty, nativity & the life style of the people. Our annual cultural program "An Evening in Nepal" has been significantly playing a crucial role in promoting Nepali culture and traditions in USA. It has also helped to grow harmony among the people of the two countries. Besides that, we have been able to generate small funds to support our ongoing project in Nepal.

We all are living in high-tech society. We are making money for our living and luckily without much hardship. But there are lots of people back home who are struggling for their daily living. Together, we want to do something to reach and relieve these needy people to some extent. For this cause, DELC has come up with "One \$ Project" with the theme "DRINK ONE LESS CAN OF SODA A MONTH AND HELP POOR PEOPLE OF NEPAL YOUR ONE DOLLAR A MONTH". I know that we have many challenges ahead of us. Our community is not well established yet. Our migration history is very short. But regardless of any of these shortcomings, we have to do something together to bring a change. We encourage and request everyone in our community to join their hands in our dream and effort to serve the less fortunate people in Nepal. Please consider being a member of our "One Dollar Project" by contributing one dollar a month and see the changes your one dollar brings in the lives of helpless people – your one dollar can do wonders.....

EDITOR'S CORNER:



DELC celebrated its fifth anniversary with growing number of enthusiast lions. With every growing years and members, our plans and programs are also expanding with the sole motto to serve. DECL is spreading its wings in its effort and endeavor to reach the poor and needy in every possible way.

This e-magazine is also one step towards our concentrated effort to disseminate information on Lionism and at the same time, keep our Nepali Community informed, making them a part of our service to humankind.

- Binata J Shrestha

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5th Anniversary of Dallas Everest Lions Club....

DELCL celebrated its fifth anniversary amidst fun, food and fellowship on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at United Methodist Church, Northgate, Irving.

Those present to celebrate the occasion were DG Carolyn Dorman, her spouse, Ln. Carlton Dorman; DG Elect Wallace Roberts and his spouse Joy Roberts; PDG Frank Pickens: VDG Elect Alice Conway, members of DELCL and other Lions club including friends and families from the Nepalese Community.

DG Carolyn Dorman installed the new officers for Lions year 2007-2008 and PDG Frank Pickens inducted the new DELCL members. DG Elect Wallace Roberts also shared his remarks on the occasion.

DG Carolyn Dorman presented Certificate of Appreciation and Award of Excellence to the participants and sponsors of "An Evening in Nepal – Ethnic Wear Fashion Show 2007". She also presented Outstanding Lions Award to various DELCL members for their outstanding performances and contributions in the year 2006-2007.

During the program, President Sarju Ranjit shared his vision on DELCL's "One Dollar Project". PP Ram Pokhrel gave the welcome remarks. Treasurer Makar Bajracharya presented the financial report of DELCL. Outgoing President Sarju Ranjit handed over the Gavel to incoming President Elect Mahendra Poudyal and the program came to an end with the vote of thanks from the President Elect.



DELCL Events & Calendar

Meetings @ Northgate United Methodist Church

- * Sept 15, Saturday – 11:00 am
- * Sept 23, Sunday – 5:00 pm
- * Oct 13, Saturday – 11:00 am
- * Oct 28, Sunday – 5:00 pm

DELCL Activities:

- * Oct 19, Friday - Dashain Party @ President's Place, 7384 Park Ridge Blvd. 150, Irving

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DELC Executive Officers 2007-2008

- Raju Shrestha, Tamer
- Sajan Mulmi, Tail Twister
- Smriti Karki, Treasurer
- Swoyambhu Shakya, Asst Secretary
- Makar Bajracharya, Secretary
- Krishna Lamichhane, 3rd VP
- Shashi Bhattarai, 2nd Vice President
- Raj Babu Thapa, 1st Vice President
- Sarju Ranjit, IPP/Membership Chair
- Mahendra Poudyal, President

- Shiva Dulal, 1-yr Director
- Chandra Nagarkoti, 1-yr Director
- Chandra Prasai, 2-yrs Director
- Ram C Pokhrel, Advisor

DELC Committee Chairs 2007-2008

- Sarju Ranjit, Rajesh Aryal, Ram Pokhrel – Funding Committee
- Ajaya Chhochoon – Public Relations
- Rudra Gyawali, Shiva Kafle – Finance Committee
- Binita J Shrestha – Publications
- Swoyambhu Shakya – Information Technology
- Sushil Chhetri – Service Activities
- Namrata Khadka – Gavel Travel

Recipients of “DELC Outstanding Lions” Award 2006-2007

- Krishna Lamichhane – Outstanding Lion - Perfect Attendance
- Smriti Karki – Outstanding Lion – Culture
- Makar Bajracharya – Outstanding Lion of the Year
- Ram C Pokhrel – Grassroots Lions
- Sarju Ranjit – Lion of the Year
- Binita J Shrestha – President’s Award
- Mahendra Poudyal – President’s Award

“Happy Birthday”



Raju Shrestha - September 15
Shiva Kaphle - October 11
Tsering Chounden - October 14
Shashi Bhattarai - October 31



First Meeting of DELC in Lions Year 2007-2008

The first meeting of DELC in Lions year 2007-2008 was held on Sunday, July 8, 2007 at Pasand Restaurant in Irving.

PDG of District 325A, Hari Shankar Niraula attended the meeting as the Chief Guest. PDG Niraula, born and brought up in Solukhumbu district of western Nepal was in United States to attend the 90th Lions International Convention in Chicago.



DG Wallace Robert and his spouse Joy Robert; Immediate Past DG Carolyn Dorman, and her spouse Ln. Carlton Dorman, PDG Frank Pickens, Vice DG Alice Conway, members from different Lions club including DELC and friends from the Nepalese Community attended the meeting.

PDG Frank Pickens introduced the Guests from District 2X1 and welcomed all. Charter President of DELC Ajaya Chhochoon introduced Chief Guest PDG Hari Shankar Niraula. PDG Niraula talked about his club's projects and District 325A. IPPDG Carolyn Dorman shared her remarks on the recent International Convention in Chicago and also beautifully summarized the birth of DELC and her first meeting with its Charter President.

DG Wallace Roberts shared his vision on **HARMONY** and District 2x1 during his tenure 2007-2008. VDG Alice Conway also shared her remarks. IPP of DELC Sarju Ranjit talked about the pipeline project of DELC. The meeting was adjourned by President Mahendra Poudyal with vote of thanks.

- **H**ave the willingness to want to change for the better.
- **A**lways praise in public and discuss disagreements in private.
- **R**espond in a positive manner to all Lion endeavors.
- **M**ake a change in your outlook about Lionism.
- **O**nly you can take the step to achieve peace in this District.
- **N**o waiting for another Lion to do what you should be doing.
- **Y**ou are the one to decide if this year is Lionism succeeds or fails - ONLY YOU.

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“The Balance Sheet of Life”

Our Birth is our Opening Balance
Our Death is our Closing Balance
Our Prejudiced Views are our Liabilities
Our Creative Ideas are our Assets
Heart is our Current Asset
Soul is our Fixed Asset
Brain is our Fixed Deposit
Thinking is our Current Account
Achievements are our Capital
Character & Morals, our Stock-in-Trade
Friends are our General Reserves
Values & Behavior are our Goodwill
Patience is our Interest Earned
Love is our Dividend
Children are our Bonus Issues
Education is Brand/Patent
Knowledge is our Investment
Experience is our Premium Account
The Aim is to Tally the Balance Sheet Accurately
The Goal is to get the Best Presented Accounts Award

source: circulating email

ConneXion Community News Upcoming Events

Sept 08, Saturday, 8:00 pm
- Teej Dar Party at Nepali
Restaurant, Himalayan
Aroma, Beltline
Tickets: \$15

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Sept 14, Friday, 4-7:00 pm
- Teej Puja at DFW Hindu
Temple, Irving

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Sept 16, Sunday, 8:00 pm
- Destination USA 2007
with Nhyoo Bajracharya,
Dipesh K Bhattarai, and
Sabin Rai at Ramada Inn
Tickets: \$15

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Oct 14, Sunday – NST
Election

~ Festivals in Nepal ~

September 11 – Father’s Day
September 14 – Teej
September 25 – Indrajatra

October 2 – Ghatasthapan
October 21 – Vijaya Dashami



“Inspirations”

In the confrontation between the stream and the rock,
the stream always wins.... not through strength,
but
through persistence!