

ANMN Annual Report

2019-2020

ANMN Mission

 Association of Nepalis in Minnesota (ANMN)'s mission is to build, preserve and promote an enthusiastic, active and supportive community among the Nepalis and friends of Nepal in the State of Minnesota thus strengthening the bond of friendship and cooperation.

ANMN Executive Board

The Executive Board of the ANMN is elected every two years. The last election was in April 2019.

- President: Suresh Adhikari (April 2019 Present)
- Vice-President: Kundan Nepal (April 2019 Present)
- Secretary: Bivek Jha (March 2020 Present) Postak Shrestha (April 2019 – March 2020)
- Treasurer: Yogesh Bhandari (April 2019 Present)
- Immediate Past President: Subash Silwal (April 2019 Present)

ANMN Board

• The Executive Team is supported by a group of volunteer board members. The current board is:

Anup Dangol Anurag Thapa Arjun KC Asha Lal Tamang Bharat Acharya Binayak Marahatta Deepak Chaulagai Deepak Shah Gopu Shrestha Postak Shrestha Prashant Thapa Pravin Dhakal Roshani Dahal Sugam Shrestha

ANMN Annual Events

- ANMN brings our Nepali community together by holding the following events every year:
 - Summer Food Festival and Picnic
 - Summer Sports
 - Dashain/Tihar Night
 - Deusi Bhailo in the Neighborhood
 - Shiva Ratri
 - Nepali New Year
- The Asian Pacific Endowment (APE) grant, membership fees, local fundraising and resource mobilization contribute to run these events.

Summer Food Festival and Picnic

- Goals:
 - To use diverse cuisine of Nepal to bring together the Nepali community, friends and volunteers.
 - To support local Nepali food entrepreneurs by providing them a venue to showcase their cooking and food offerings.
- Despite heavy rain and thunder, over 250 members of the community attended the gathering.
- There were a total of 6 food stalls setup by our community members offering items such as: Momo, Khukhura-ko-masu, Sel-Roti etc.



Summer Sports

- Friendly Volleyball Tournament
- Friendly Soccer Tournament
- NCIM Cricket Tournament (Sponsor)



Dashain/Tihar Night

- Goals:
 - To bring food and family gathering as a way to create lasting bond between community members.
- Over NNN members of the community attended the gathering.
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Deusi/Bhailo in the Neighborhood





- Total cash raised: \$2406
- Pledged: \$508
- Multiple Neighborhoods
 - St Paul
 - Eagan/Apple Valley
 - Carver/Eden Prairie
 - Lakeville



Shiva Ratri



Geeta Ashram 200+ attendees.



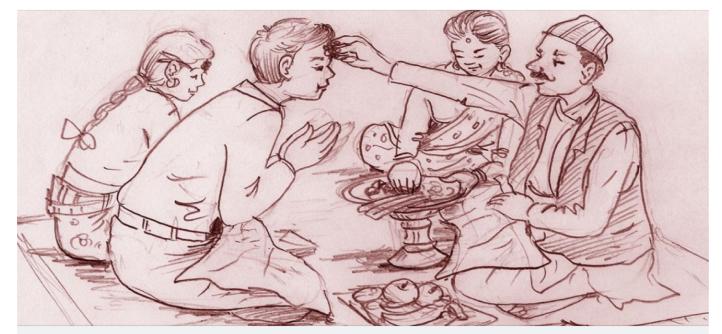
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ANMN Newer Initiatives

- Every year inspired by the leadership of its volunteer board, ANMN dives into new initiatives that have the potential of uplifting the Nepali community in Minnesota.
 - Nepal Event @ Hennepin County Library
 - ANMN Listens at local universities
 - Youth Leadership Academy
 - Partnership with BCOM (Bhutanese Community of Minnesota)
 - Nepal night at Woman's Club
 - Census 2020

Nepal Event @ Hennepin County Library

- Collaborated with the Hennepin County Library to host a talk program titled 'Dashain and Tihar in the Himalayas'.
- Goal was to raise awareness about Nepal and Nepali culture



SAT, NOV 2, 2019 Dashain & Tihar in the Himalayas

ANMN Listens

- Successfully concluded our first event in the "ANMN Listens" series where we go to different groups within the Nepali community/student and Listen to their experiences, challenges and expectations.
- In Nov 2019 we visited St. Cloud State University. We answered some of their questions and more importantly we recorded all of it to provide them with appropriate resources and organize relevant events.
- Event was organized with help of Nepali Student Association (NSA-St. Cloud). We will continue going to other universities and listen and help the Nepali students and community.





Youth Leadership Academy

- Collaboration with ANMN Toastmasters Club.
- Goal: To provide a support structure to the Nepali youth and help them recognize and develop leadership qualities while celebrating their Nepali identity.
- The activities are aimed at developing effective communication strategies to empower our youth to use the power of their voice to be engaged and work for the betterment of our community.
- A total of NNN youth participants have taken advantage of the academy.



Youth Leadership Academy











ANMN partnership with BCOM

- Meeting with Bhutanese Community of MN (BCOM) board to explore collaboration and cooperation between the two organizations.
 - ANMN organized a College Workshop focusing on the options related to higher education, the cost and ways of funding college for our Bhutanese/Nepali students at Roseville High School. The event was attended by 30 students as well as their.
 - Follow-up meeting with several students to provide feedback on college application essays and questions about financial aid/scholarships.
- Meeting with BCOM employees to explore collaboration and cooperation on the U.S. Census 2020.

Nepal night at Woman's Club

- Collaborated with The Woman's Club of Minneapolis to host a Nepal Night on Friday, January 31.
- This **program** included a presentation about Nepal's history, geography, and culture, a Nepali fashion and culture show, a dance with Nepali music, and a Nepali arts show with Nepali handicrafts and Nepali art by Mr. Raju Lamichane.
- The evening was capped off with a Nepaliinspired dinner created by resident chef of The Woman's Club/





ANMN Census Effort

Census 2020 and Engagement of the Nepalese in Minnesota (CEN)

- **Aims** to increase SELF-RESPONSE by the Nepalese population and, if required, help official enumerators to find out missing Nepalese population.
 - Mobilizing trained volunteers to organize various activities and reach out as many Nepalese populations as possible from January to July 2020.
- **Started** in January 2020: Completed formation of Complete Count Committee (CCC-ANMN), training volunteers and self-response energizer event.
- **Continued** phone-banking, text-banking, media campaign and other activities.
- Technical and Financial Parners: The U.S. Census Bureau, Asian-American Organizing Project, North Hennepin Community College, and Minneapolis Foundation.

ANMN Census Effort



Complete Count Committee (CCC-ANMN) Board Chair





