



Nepali Society of Southern  
Saskatchewan

# ANNUAL REPORT

2016-17

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## **Letter of Transmittal**

I have the honour of submitting the Annual Report of Nepali Society of Southern Saskatchewan for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

NepSoSS executive board made every effort to ensure the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the report.

This report highlights the many accomplishments of NepSoSS in 2016-17 and reflects on another successful year for the society.

Suman Thapa  
President  
NepSoSS

# Message from the Executive Board

2016-2017 was another exciting year as it was filled with achievements and key milestones at NepSoSS. The mission to foster social, cultural and educational activities among its members and their dependents, and to promote Nepali culture and heritage in Saskatchewan remained at the heart of everything we did. Beginning of July 2016, many exciting and challenging tasks such as hosting WCRNSCE Event, exploring possibilities to take part in Mosaic, upgrading NepSoSS website, etc. were in place and we continued to support and upkeep those tasks.

## Progress in 2016-17

We always emphasized on “For the community, by the community” model, which motivated us to make things easier and convenient to all. We also considered ways to help community members in achieving their personal interests, especially in the sports and cultural activities, making it more accessible to women and children as compared to the previous years.

We continued working on making things easier by integrating technology and incorporating effective communication methodology. We have tried our best to improve our existing practices and make them simpler and innovative.

We were mainly focused in three sectors:

- Use of Technology
- Community Engagement
- Western Canada Regional Nepalese Sports and Cultural Event (WCRNSCE)

## Use of Technology

### Upgrading NepSoSS Website:

- The NepSoSS website was upgraded this year as mandated by the 2016 AGM. The upgraded website was online starting August 1, 2016.
- Moving to a new server was completed. New server offers more reliable, secure and efficient service.
- NepSoSS Discussion Board (Forum) was developed.
- NepSoSS now has interactive dynamic website with autonomous functionality which results in time savings for our members.
- Our members are now able to renew their membership, register for events, check schedules of our regular events and activities, learn new information, etc. online.
- Programs organized by Regina Hindu Temple which are of interest to the Nepali community are now published in NepSoSS website.
- We have incorporated technology in our operating activities which eradicates errors and makes doing business more efficient. An example being, the mailing list is auto-updated when someone subscribes or unsubscribes from the list.
- All membership renewals or event signups get instant reply with necessary information, eliminating any delays in communication.

### Website Operating Expenses

- NepSoSS website runs in a cost recovery basis. No additional budget allocation is required after initial setup costs.
- Website development fee remained at \$0.00.
- Hosting and Domain fee expenses was \$146.38 for three years.
- Website maintenance fee remained at \$0.00

### Website Visits:

- From August 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 the website was visited by 4911 visitors i.e. 701 visits per month.

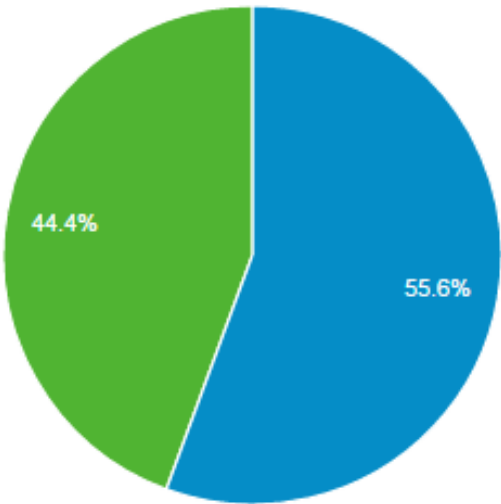
# USE OF TECHNOLOGY



Graph 1: Website Visits per month

- Out of 701 monthly visitors, 44.4% are Returning visitors while 55.6% are new.

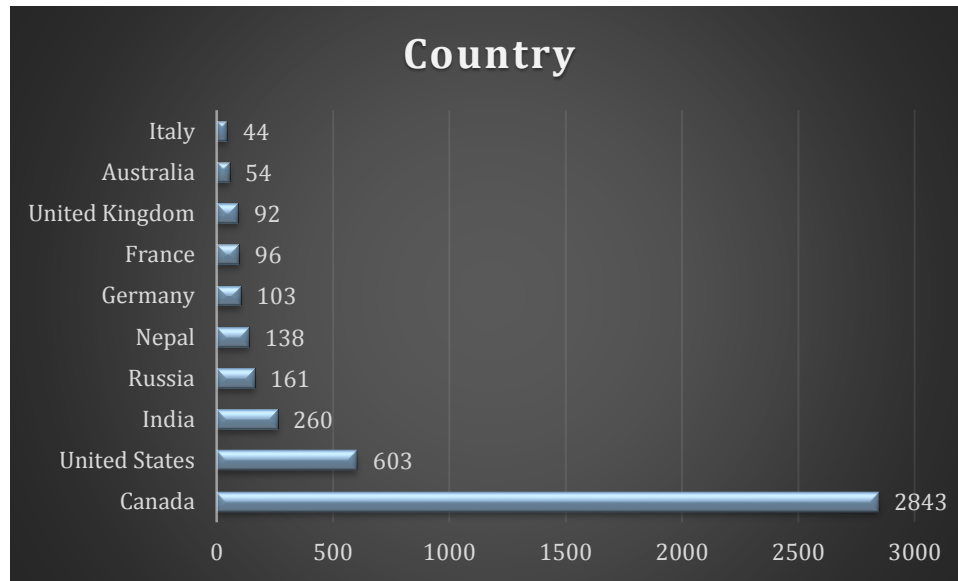
■ New Visitor   ■ Returning Visitor



- The actual page views in 7 months is 26,522 i.e. 3,788 page views per month.

## USE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Most of the page views are via mobile devices such as iPhone and Android phones.
- The highest of 57.89% of visits are from Canada, whereas the lowest of 0.06% are from Ireland.



**Graph 2: Website Visits from various countries**

- Residents from 77 countries visited our website.
- Some examples include: Ireland, Japan, South Africa, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bhutan, Kuwait, Qatar, Portugal, Thailand, Philippines.

# USE OF TECHNOLOGY

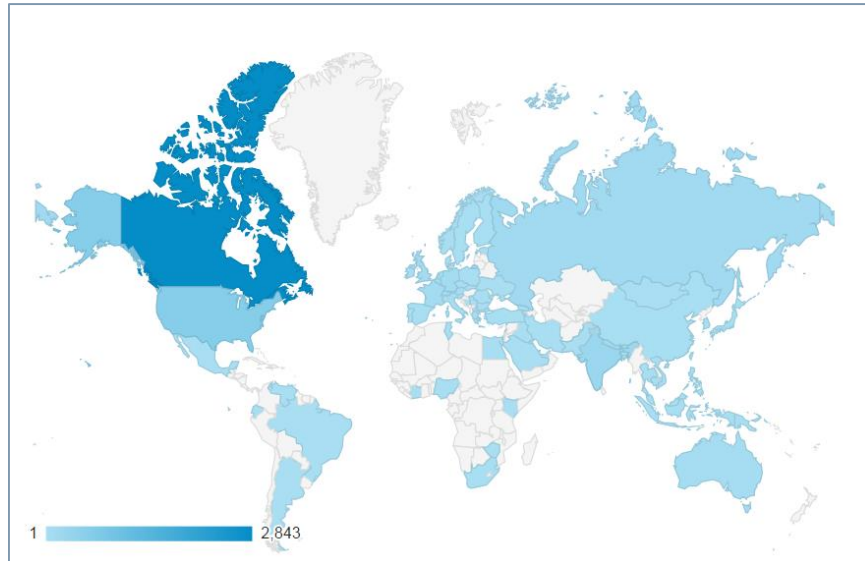
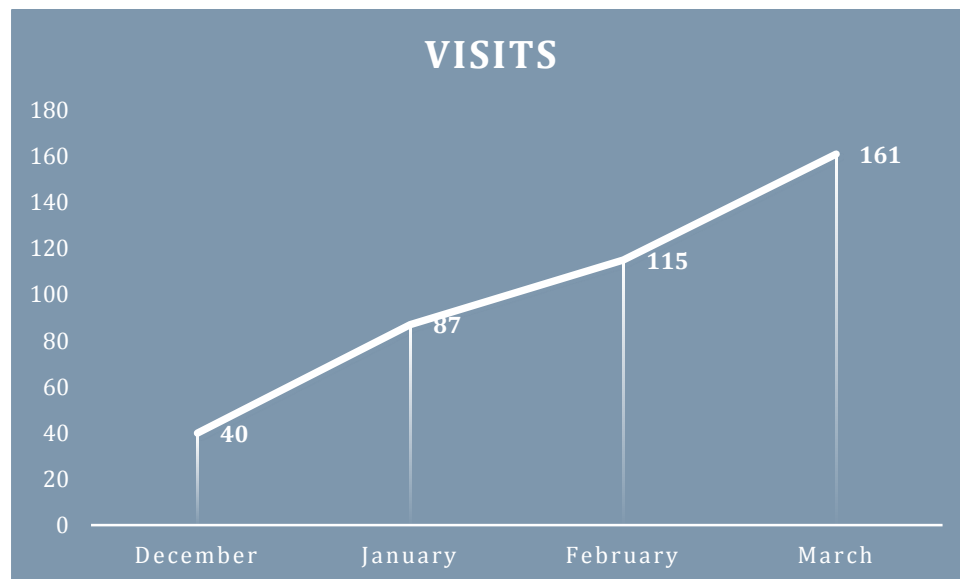


Figure 1: Website visits around the world.

## WCRNSCE Website:

- A specific website for WCRNSCE was developed, which provides information about the WCRNSCE activities.
- The number of viewers are increasing.



Graph 3: WCRNSCE Website Visits Per Month



## USE OF TECHNOLOGY

### **Facebook Page**

- NepSoSS official Facebook page is active and gets updated in regular intervals.
- NepSoSS official Facebook page has 115 active Facebook followers.
- Page Name: [www.facebook.com/nepsoss](http://www.facebook.com/nepsoss)

### **Email**

- NepSoSS operates two email addresses: [info@nepsoss.ca](mailto:info@nepsoss.ca) and [nepsoss@gmail.com](mailto:nepsoss@gmail.com).
- Between 2016/8/1 and 2017/4/1, NepSoSS executive committee handled 537 incoming and 490 outgoing emails.

### **Other Social Media**

- NepSoSS operates a Youtube channel named *[Nepali Society of Southern Saskatchewan](#)* to upload event videos.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Community Engagement

- NepSoSS has facilitated regular sport sessions including Volleyball, Badminton, Soccer and recently started Table Tennis practices.
- Teams representing NECOS Saskatoon were invited by NepSoSS for Exhibition soccer and volleyball games in summer 2016.
- Regular Yoga and Meditation Session was started from March 2017.
- NepSoSS community member Pragya Pradhan, participated in “community connections - a celebration of cultures” organized by Regina Open Door Society, Dewdney East Community Association & Regina Public Library on March 15, 2017. Over 400 people attended the show.



Figure 2: Pragya Pradhan performing at the Community Connections program.

### Badminton Program

- Badminton program is being organized from October 2016 to June 2017.
- Approximately 20 players including youths have been participating in this event regularly. Majority of players are women.
- Approximate expenses for Badminton Program is \$950 which will be shared among the players.
- This program is revenue neutral to NepSoSS.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Season 1 (Oct – Dec 2016)

## Season 2 (Jan – Jun 17)

No of Regular Adults	25	No of Regular Adult	19
No of Regular Kids	2	No. Of Regular Kids	1

### Volleyball Program

- Volleyball program is being organized from October 2016 to June 2017.
- Approximately 15 players have been participating in this event regularly.
- Approximate expenses for Volleyball is \$850 which will be shared among the players.
- This program is revenue neutral to NepSoSS.

No. of Regular Adults in both Seasons	15
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### Yoga and Meditation

- Yoga and Meditation program is being organized from March 25, 2017 to June 10, 2017.
- Approximately 20 participants, including participants from outside the Nepali Community, have been participating in this event regularly.
- This program is revenue neutral to NepSoSS.

No. of Regular Adults	20
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# WESTERN CANADA REGIONAL NEPALESE SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENT (WCRNSCE)

## Western Canada Regional Nepalese Sports and Cultural Event (WCRNSCE)

### WCRNSCE Regina: Key achievements so far

1. August 22, 2016: Confirmation was received from the First Steering Committee, on Regina as the host city for 8<sup>th</sup> WCRNSCE.
2. September 17, 2016: Meeting with University of Regina for facility booking
3. September 18, 2016: Call for volunteers.
4. October 28-30: *Deusi- Bhailo* fundraiser.
5. November 4, 2016: University Theatre rental agreement signed
6. November 5, 2016: Workshop organized to engage community members in planning of the 8th WCRNSCE. WCRNSCE Regina Management Committee formed in the Workshop
7. November 19, 2016: First meeting of WCRNSCE Regina Management Committee
  - a. Decided to develop the action items.
8. December 6, 2016: Facility rental contract with University of Regina signed. (UoR accepted NepSoSS's application for support by providing the athletic facility rental at 50% discount rate.)
9. December 17, 2016: Second meeting of WCRNSCE Regina Management Committee
  - a. Concept development of Social Media Management Sub-Committee.
10. January 5, 2017: Bottle drive fundraiser
11. January 21, 2017: Third meeting of WCRNSCE Regina Management Committee
  - a. Decided to organize *Momo-dohori* fundraiser in February.
  - b. Social Media Management Sub-Committee formed and endorsed.

## WESTERN CANADA REGIONAL NEPALESE SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENT (WCRNSCE)

- c. Concept development of Volunteers Coordination Sub-Committee.
- 12. February 18, 2017: *Momo-dohori* event successfully accomplished, more than 100 people from Nepali and other communities participated.
- 13. February 25, 2017: Fourth meeting of WCRNSCE Regina Management Committee
  - a. Decided to organize 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop focused on volunteer coordination.
- 14. March 17, 2017: Grant approved by City of Regina in the amount of \$3000.
- 15. March 25, 2017: Fifth meeting of WCRNSCE Regina Management Committee
  - a. Decided to hire Char Wells to cater food for Cultural Event and Opening Ceremony on July 1.
  - b. Decided to coordinate with Bhutanese Nepali Community Volunteers to Cater food for July 2 and 3.



Figure 3: WCRNSCE Regina Management Committee Team Leads and Sub Committee Members

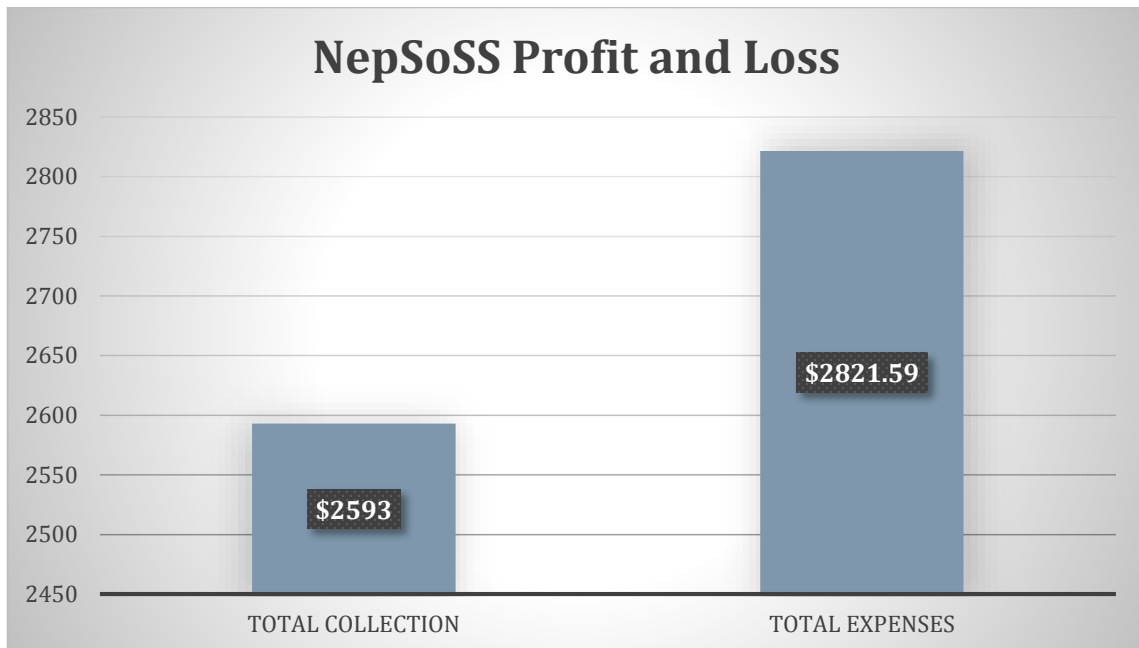
# TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

## Treasurer's Financial Report

- The financial information only contains the data from event organized by NepSoSS from August 2016 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.
- Events expenses and initial website setup cost represented the prime increase in expenses.
- Revenue collected on membership will be released in the Annual General Meeting.
- Large portion of budget is required for the upcoming WCRNSCE Event.
- As of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017, total of **\$5070.72** has been collected from donations and grants to support the WCRNSCE event.
- In conclusion, NepSoSS financial situation is firm and well maintained to deliver its goals for the rest of the year.

### Cash Statement

Title	Amount
Bank Balance (End of July 2016, when we took over)	\$4,368.95
Bank Balance (End of March 2017)	\$3791.19
Cash in Hand (end of March 2017)	\$54.00



Graph 4: NepSoSS Profit and Loss Summary

# TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

## Individual Events Brief

### Summer Picnic

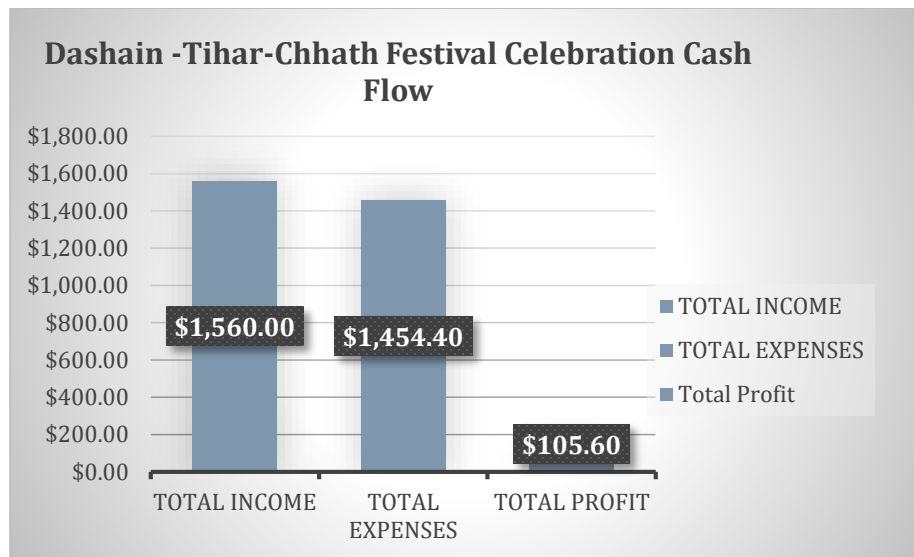
	Total Cash Flow
TOTAL Revenue	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$190.94
<b>NepSoSS Contribution</b>	<b>\$190.94</b>

### Teej Celebration Event

	Total Cash flow
TOTAL Revenue	\$1,033.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,029.87
<b>TOTAL Saving for NepSoSS</b>	<b>\$3.13</b>

### Dashain-Tihar-Chhath Festival Celebration Event

	Total Cash Flow
TOTAL Collection	\$1,560.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,454.40
<b>Total Saving for NepSoSS</b>	<b>\$105.60</b>



**Graph 5: Dashain-Tihar-Chhath Financial Summary**

# TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

## WCRNSCE Tihar – Deusi Bhailo Program

	Total Cash Flow
TOTAL Collection	\$1100
<b>Total Saving for WCRNSCE Event</b>	<b>\$1100.00</b>

## WCRNSCE Bottle Drive and Workshop

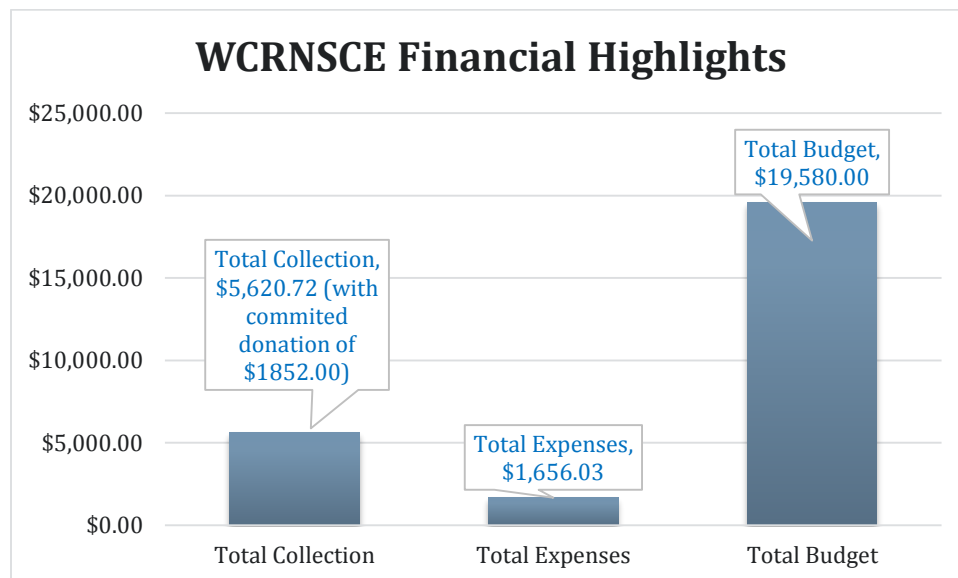
	Total Cash Flow
TOTAL Collection	\$190.75
<b>Total Saving for WCRNSCE Event</b>	<b>\$190.75</b>

## WCRNSCE Momo-Dohori Program

	Total Cash Flow
TOTAL Collection after expenses	\$635.85
<b>Total Saving for WCRNSCE Event</b>	<b>\$635.85</b>

## WCRNSCE Grants and Donations (as of 31 March 2017)

	Total Cash Flow
TOTAL Collection	\$2600
<b>Total Saving for WCRNSCE Event</b>	<b>\$2600</b>





## Operating Highlights

### Past Cultural Events and Activities

**2016 Summer Picnic** was organized on Saturday, 13th August 2016 at Echo Lake Valley, SK. The picnic was a great accomplishment with over 50 participants.



Figure 4: Summer Picnic Group Photo

**Haritalika Teej** program was organized on September 03, 2016 with over 80 participants including our new members. The Teej Puja was organized on September 4 and 6 at the Hindu Temple Regina.



Figure 5: Teej Festival Group Photo

## OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

**Dashain-Tihar-Chhath Festival Celebration** program was organized on October 08, 2016 with over 100 guests including new members and seniors.



Figure 6: Dashain-Tihar-Chhath Celebration Group Photo

**Momo-dohori event** was organized on February 18, 2017 with over 100 of participants including guests outside Nepali community.



Figure 7: Momo-Dohori Event Group Photo

### **Upcoming Events and Activities:**

#### **New Year's 2074 Celebration**

On the occasion of Nepali New Year B.S 2074, NepSoSS is organizing New Year Celebration event on April 15, 2017.

#### **WCRNSCE Event**

Nepali Society of Southern Saskatchewan (NepSoSS) is hosting the 8th Western Canada Regional Sports and Cultural Event (WCRNSCE) from July 1 – 3, 2017 in Regina. WCRNSCE is being organized every year since 2010 and this year, for the first time in history, this event is being organized in the city of Regina.

## NEW MEMBERS

### **New Members**

In 2016, there were addition of 13 general members.

In 2017, there were addition of 3 general members and one “family life membership” upgrade.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Executive Committee Members

President	Dr. Suman Thapa
Vice President	Mr. Dinesh Dhungana
Secretary	Mr. Suman Bhandari
Treasurer	Ms. Amrita Shrestha
Past President	Ms. Monika Dhungana
Member	Mr. Subin Shrestha
Member	Mrs. Durga Regmi
Member	Mr. Arjun Adhikari

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