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A Joint Newsletter of The Florida-Nepal Association & The Nepalese Association in Southeastern America

Namaskar!

It has been over two years since we started talking about having a joint convention between the Florida Nepal Association (FNA) and the Nepalese Association in Southeastern America (NASA). Finally, this year we are going to hold a joint convention here in river city Jacksonville, the first coast of Florida and the home of the Jaguars. The joint convention will be held during the Labor Day weekend, September 5th through 7th, 1998.

On behalf of the FNA and the NASA, we would like to invite you, the FNA members, the NASA members and other friends of Nepal to come and join us. The joint convention will not only facilitate intellectual presentations and discussions but also an opportunity to make new friends and reminisce with the old ones. And of course, there will be a Nepalese cultural show. How could there be a Nepalese convention without the cultural show? However, we do need participation from you professional and amateur enthusiasts in the cultural show. Please contact your cultural program coordinator if you are interested in participating.

As we sign off, we would request you to reserve this years Labor day weekend and plan to attend the joint FNA/NASA convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

Sincerely,

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FNA Editorial:

The upcoming meeting is very important in FNA history. This is the first time we are hosting a joint meeting with another organization. Both NASA and FNA executive members have been working hard to make arrangements for this meeting. Please plan to join us in the biggest city of USA: Jacksonville. Its success depends on your participation.

*I'm a getting a little bit sentimental writing this because it is my last editorial. Last two years passed like a breeze. During this period I got lots of support from our President Rajeeb; I want to thank him from the bottom of my heart. I also want to thank Dr. Khanal for writing articles for Professional Corner and AnuPant for her Ketakeli columns.
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FNA-NASA Joint Meeting Information

Convention Location:
Mandarin Middle School
5100 Hood Road
Jacksonville, FL 32257

Hotels:

1. Ramada Inn Mandarin
3130 Hartley Road
Jacksonville, FL 32257

for Reservation:

Call 1-800-393-1117 and ask for a reservation from the "Florida Nepal Association Group."
Rate: \$65.00 plus tax
Breakfast buffet included

2. Budgetel Inn Mandarin

3199 Hartley Road
Jacksonville, FL 32257

for Reservation:

Call 1-904-268-9999 and ask for a reservation from the "Florida Nepal Association Group."
Rate: \$44.9500 plus tax
Continental Breakfast included

Directions (to the convention motels and the school):

Coming from North on I 75

Take I-75 south from Atlanta area. From I-75, go east on I-10. Just before reaching Jacksonville city, go south on I-295. After passing a long bridge, Buckman Bridge, take the 1st exit, San Jose Blvd. (SR 13), and go north. Immediately after passing I-295 overpass, the motels are located on the right hand side, off of Hartley Road. If you continue to go on Hartley Rd., it will become Hood Rd., and the Mandarin Middle School is located on the right hand side. **The school is about 3-4 miles from the motels.**

Coming from North on I-95:

After passing Jacksonville Airport, take I-295 south. When you reach I-295, follow the directions stated above.

Coming from South on I-95: Take I-295 north. Take 2A exit, San Jose Blvd. (DR 13) and go north. From here, follow the directions stated above.

NOTE: Please make your reservation early, only a limited number of rooms have been allocated to us. If there are no rooms available at the designated motels the following motels should be tried. These hotels/motels are located on Baymeadows Road and are approximately seven (7) miles from the Mandarin Middle School. Provision for group rate has not been made with these hotels/motels.

Amerisuites: 8277 Westernway, Jax, FL Phone.: 800-833-1516 or (904)737-4477

Holiday Inn: 9150 Baymeadows Rd., Jax, FL Phone.: (904) 737-1700

La Quinta Inn: 8255 Dix Ellis Trl., Jax, FL Phone.: 800-531-5900 Or (904)731-9940

Travelodge: 8765 Baymeadows Rd., Jax, FL Phone: 800-578-7878 or (904)731-7317

Residence Inn: 8365 Dix Ellis Trl., Jax, FL Phone.: 800-331-3131 or (904)733-8088

Direction from these hotel/motels to Convention location:

Go west on Baymeadows Rd. to San Jose Blvd. Go South (left) on San Jose Blvd. and after passing SunBeam Rd., turn left on Old St. Augustine Rd. From Old St. Augustine Rd., make a left on Hood road. The school is located on the right hand side of the road, just before the traffic light.

FNA-NASA Meeting Agenda:

Saturday, September 5 Mandarin Middle School

4:00 PM - Registration

6:00 PM- 9:00 PM: Social Hour and Dinner (hosted by FNA)

9:00 -11:00 PM : Nepali Movie and Disco

Sunday, September 6: Mandarin Middle School

8:00 AM - Registration

10:00 - 10:15 AM FNA/NASA Presidents' Welcome speech

10:15- 10:45 AM: Guest Speakers

10:45- 11:45: Seminars

11:45- 12:00 PM: Nepal Scholarship by Dr. Tulsi Joshi

12: 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00- 4:00 PM: Free time: on your own

The Jacksonville beaches are about 15 miles from the hotel

4:00- 6:00 PM: FNA/NASA Business Meetings

6:00-7:30 PM: Dinner

8:00 - 11:00 PM Cultural Program and Fund raising

Monday, September 7: Jacksonville Beach

9:00- 11:00 AM Beach Sport (Volleyball?)

11:00- 12:00 PM Lunch

12:00 Noon Meeting Adjournment

Registration Information:

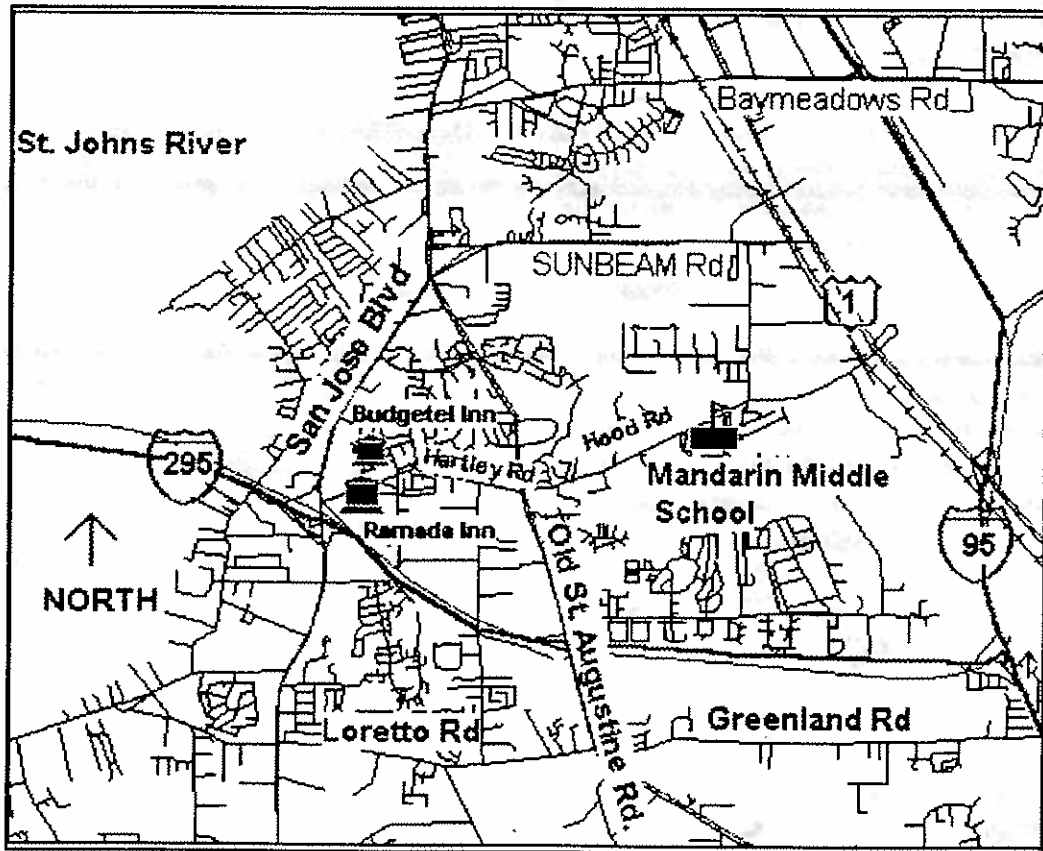
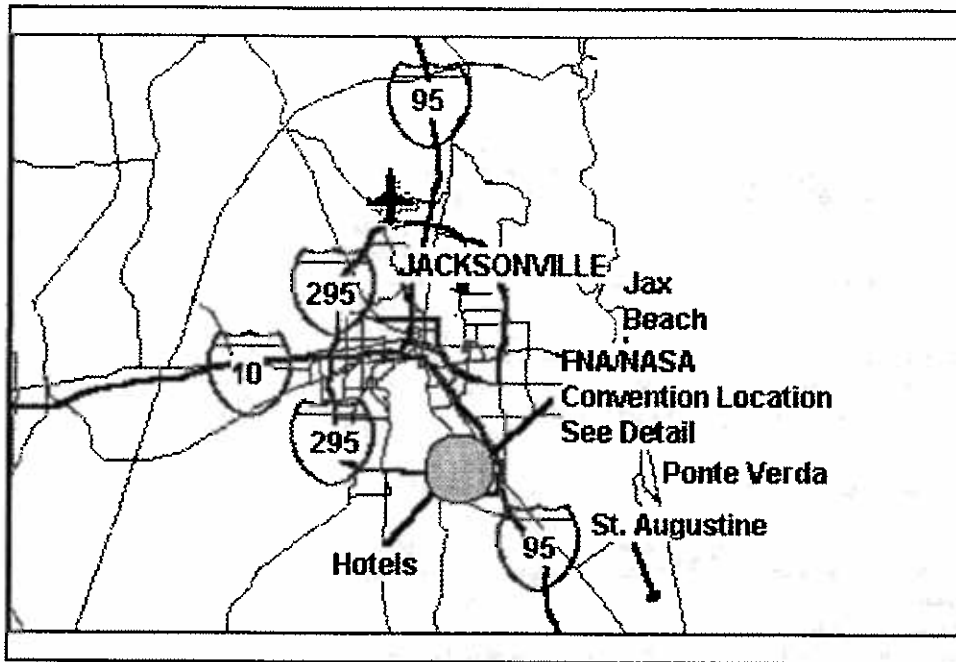
Adults: \$ 15.00 per person

Students: \$10.00 per person

Children (7 - 12): \$10.00 per child

children under 7: free

Map



TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

By D. Mudbhary and Ram S. Dongol

Four of us (Hari Dhungana, Bishwa Acharya, Ram S. Dongol and Dhananjaya Mudhbary) from Atlanta, GA, took a trip to Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday, July 25, 1998. It was a brief trip, but a successful one for our up-coming convention planning.

The meeting was held at Mr. & Mrs. Rajeeb Lamsal's residence to finalize the necessary details of the NASA/FNA joint convention. There were 25 people present at that meeting.

Before the meeting we visited the convention site (Mandarin Middle School) and the hotels (Ramada Inn and Budgetel Inn). They are nice & located just off Highway 295, at exit 2; the convention site is just 2 miles from the hotels.

During the meeting we discussed the newsletter, The Saturday evening reception to be given by FNA to NASA, Sunday's program (including the evening dinner and cultural program) and Monday's sports events at Jacksonville Beach. After the meeting we had a great dinner & fellowship. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Lamsal for great hospitality

The next morning we went to see Jacksonville Beach, which is awesome with its sugary sand, wide beach. It is a beautiful beach. People were playing beach volleyball, riding bikes, playing in the calm water or sunbathing. Children were busy with building castles or jogging along the beach.

There was a full of excitement and we felt like staying there for the whole day. It was a wonderful experience. You name it and they have it all there.

We would like to invite you, your family, and friends to join us for and have a great time during the Labor Day weekend (Sept 5, 6 & 7), 1998. We encourage every one of all ages to come and have a marvelous experience. This three (3) days' vacation trip will cost you only \$15 per adult plus hotel room. Consider it as a brief vacation in the Sunshine State. You may want to consider visiting Orlando and/or Daytona Beach, that is only a two-hour drive from Jacksonville.

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Please join NASA

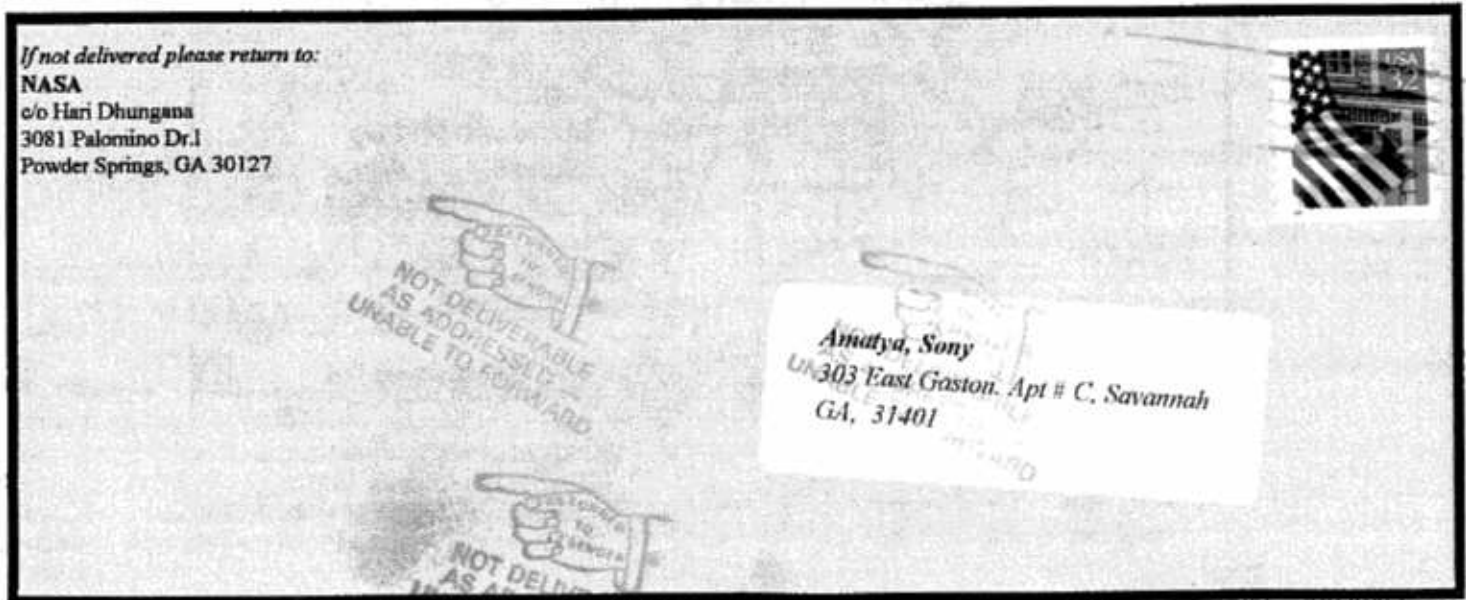
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