



## Message from NAFCA President



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Dear Readers.

Happy New Year 2008 to all of you on behalf of NAFCA. I, personally, want to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year! It is a great beginning and I am excited to assume this new responsibility.

First of all, I would like to thank those who know me and put their trust in me to lead NAFCA for the next two-year term. For those of you who do not know me, I would like to introduce myself as the new president of NAFCA. As presidential candidate Mike Huckabee responded when he was asked “How would Jesus handle certain issues if he were the president of the United States?” “Jesus was too smart to run for a public office”. While that got him a good laugh, what he was really saying was, when you accept a position to serve the public, there is a good chance that you will not be able to make everyone happy. With that in mind, my goal is to do the right thing to ensure that this organization is preserving our culture and heritage in the U.S. for the next generation.

Of course, we will continue our traditional Dashain and New Year celebrations. I would like to add new programs to our list. Our Executive Members suggested at our first meeting to invite some high level personnel from Nepal. I am very interested in this area because, it helps us to keep up with the current situation of our mother land. Both Nepal and our community will benefit from this exchange. As time goes on, we look forward to adding more programs and we are open to your suggestions.

Lastly, I am very fortunate to have this wonderful team of Executive Members and dedicated seniors to rally behind us. With all of your support, I believe NAFCA is, and will continue to be, a very effective organization for our community. Our predecessors have done a terrific job and we are looking forward to continuing their excellence in leadership.

Uddhav Giri

President