

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At our Annual General meeting on June 3 we recognized Sahakarini's 40th Anniversary. Founding members Jane and Jack Ross, with their fine gifts of story, walked us through the years. Now we look forward to the 40th Anniversary celebration at our Annual Loaves & Fishes Dinner on October 26.

his work at the health clinic. Please plan to join us. You are invited to help us fill the tables so the story of this local organization with a big heart can be made known to many people. Please talk to me about how you can be involved.

As an organization it is incumbent we to look toward the future and will be entering into a visioning exercise to determine where we see ourselves 5 - 10 years from now. You are encouraged and invited to join us in this forward looking exercise. We will keep you informed about developments, please come prepared to share your ideas. You will be informed regarding the date.

Ruth E. Jensen, President

Mr. Sanjay Basnyat, director of Primary Health Care in Kathmandu, Nepal will be present to tell us about

TANZANIA PROJECT

The Nyuat Project SHINE is continuing to make progress local soap production and is also working at diversifying and stabilizing its soap sales. The major sales emphasis is being directed to local tourist lodges but small quantities of soap are also being sold and shipped to specialty shops in the United States. The main soap related issue is related to securing long term sales contracts with the lodges but these are dependent on being able to provide a consistent quantity and quality of soap. Lodges are widely scattered and remotely located which makes travel to them difficult and unpredictable. This has resulted in an emphasis being placed on providing more effective local training in soap production and in marketing and sales. Both

will require developing and creating strong local leadership positions to achieve success.

In early 2019 a week long biosand filter installation and maintenance training program, partially funded by Sahakarini, was successfully offered in the area to both male and female participants. Biosand filter availability and distribution is a major health related aspect of the project. The ongoing emphasis for both the soap and filter portions of the project is to make their products widely available and sustainable in their application.



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COME CELEBRATE AND BE MOVED

Come celebrate! This year is Sahakarini's 40th anniversary of working with international partners to alleviate poverty, empower women and children, improve health and education, enable more sustainable agriculture, provide safe clean, water, and more.

Forty years ago a small group of Camrosians was moved to form Sahakarini. Since then hundreds of you have been moved to join us in doing your part. The world has moved on in wonderful ways in those forty years in part due to the efforts of groups like Sahakarini and grass roots organizations abroad who have worked together to bring social and economic change and justice.

Thank you so much!

For example, did you know that, according to the United Nations, global poverty has been almost halved, while the number of girls enrolled in primary school has risen from about 70% to almost 90%, and the percentage of people with safe water has risen from 58% to 88%. Those are just a few of the things truly worth celebrating!

But we are not sitting still. We are on the move. There is still so much to do. Please join us on Saturday, October 26 at the Loaves and Fishes Community Dinner to hear about what is coming next. We hope that you too will be BE MOVED to keep good things happening.

Sahakarini Loaves and Fishes Community Dinner

Saturday, October 26

Norsemen Inn, Camrose

Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Special guest speaker: Mr. Sanjaya Basnyat, head of our partner organization in Nepal, a clinic serving the primary health care needs of the people in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Tickets: Adults \$50, Students \$30 are available by calling the office at 780 672 8222 or purchasing at FIKA Coffee 4803-48 St., Camrose.

NEPAL PROJECT

The Nepal Primary Health Care Centre (Friends of Shanta Bhawan) has been serving the primary health needs of marginalized Nepalese families since 1983. Their free and low cost medical services are provided through an outpatient clinic and free health camps throughout NE Kathmandu. The major focus is on dealing with communicable and non-communicable diseases; training female community health volunteers; and conducting health workshops. Doctor consultations are almost equally spread between general and female health needs and pediatric concerns. The majority of treatments provided deal with respiratory conditions, changing dressings and providing minor surgical procedures involving incision and drainage of infections, abscesses and boils. Feasible and sustainable treatments are developed and provided to insure that they can

be easily and effectively managed by the family. Cases dealing with severe malnutrition or illness are referred to more specialized health centres.

Since Sahakarini's involvement and support of the Health Care Centre it has established a pediatric unit, staffed by a pediatrician, to deal with children's health needs. A full complement of immunizations are made available for both infants and children and these help support and maintain stronger health in the young. The availability of such accessible, affordable and wide ranging health care services has attracted a more culturally diverse and family oriented cliental.