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# Get Involved:

Monthly volunteer call: First Sunday, every month,

10am - 11am PT Dial in: 641-7153272 Access Code - 457920#

### **Volunteer Email DL:**

afna-vols@freelists.org
Subscribe here:
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## **Donate:**

By check (Pay to: AFNA) Mailing address:

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\*\* We need active volunteers to run our projects. Please reach out to us (contacts above) or join our monthly volunteer meetings to know more. \*\*

### Learn about AFNA projects

by clicking on the AFNA booklet

<u>here</u>

### **AFNA Membership**

Become AFNA member as your membership is what pays for our administrative expenses. As member you will have the opportunity to be a voting member of the organization, you also become one of the insiders who help to make 0% overhead to our donors possible.

# **Assam Foundation of North America**

Newsletter: July, 2015

# AFNA GBM at Las Vegas

The General Body Meeting of AFNA for 2015 was held in the Assam Convention venue at Las Vegas on 3rd July. Several members attended the meetinf in person as well as through the telephone conference line. You can find the annual AFNA report presented in the meeting at <a href="http://bit.ly/1M8qdpZ">http://bit.ly/1M8qdpZ</a>. Apart from the GBM, AFNA was also a partner sponsor of the Assam Convention 2015. New members of the board and our new secretary were elected at the GBM. Congratulations to all our new members of the Board and thank you for your service. You can find a list of our new members of the board and the new secretary here.

### **AKADAMICS** updates

AFNA volunteers have gone through the 2250+ applications that came in for the 2015 ACADEMICS scholarships and finally chose 20 deserving candidates whom we will provide scholarships throughout their college education. It was a tremendous effort by our dedicated team who sorted through various criteria and then validated the final selected candidates. You can see the list of students <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Along with our 8 scholarships from last year, AFNA is now supporting a total 28 students bearing their educational expenses. We encourage everyone to donate generously to AFNA for continuing this effort. We also have <a href="https://example.com/here">Haazaar Akankhya</a> (1000 Aspirations) Trust undertaking to sponsor 5 students from this list. You can read about a beautiful analysis of AKADAMICS scholarships by Sarfaraz Taher <a href="here">here</a>.

#### 2016 Calendars

We will soon start working on the 2016 AFNA Calendar that serves both as our awareness builder and fundraiser campaigns. This calendar contains pictures from Assam that also carries a special value to our patrons. We are looking for volunteers who will take part in this year's efforts in design and logistics. Additionally, if you have any suitable photos for the calendar please share with us. For all interested in volunteering and photo submissions, please reach us at <a href="mailto:calendar@assamfoundation.net">calendar@assamfoundation.net</a>.

## Visiting our partner NGOs in Assam

Our partner NGOs in Assam would love to have visitors from across the globe, specially from their AFNA volunteers so they can show you the amazing work they are doing. If you are visiting Assam and can spare even half a day, do let us know, we can arrange for you to meet our NGOs. The visit can help and inspire both you and the NGO volunteers. AFNA volunteer Mr. Pervez & his daughter Neeshan from Minnesota spent a week in Parijat Academy working with the kids on communication skills & dance to our school children for one week this summer.







Bay Area Assamese Learners

### Project impacting the Assamese community in America

One of the inspiring projects that AFNA volunteers in collaboration with others has been continuing in the San Francisco Bay Area is known as *Bay Area Assamese Learners*. Through this project Nandana Hazarika, Maitreyee Das, Ujjal Barua and Pallav Saikia are running Assamese learning classes for kids in the greater Bay Area for about five years. They have developed online resources to make Assamese learning fun for our kids. You can read an article about this project by Ankur Bora <a href="here">here</a>.