



April 2018

### Greetings!

Welcome to spring and a new season here at the Asian Chamber of Commerce! We have been working hard developing different programs and events for Chamber members and hope that you will join us for our Digital Business Conference April 25th, and our luncheon with the Mayor in May.

For those that can't always attend the luncheons, we will also have a business tour with NASA and more happy hour events coming in the next two months. We continue to listen to you, the members, and provide various opportunities to connect and prosper through the chamber.

We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Wes Weaver  
ACC Chairman

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## President's Message



April and May are traditionally busy months for your Chamber. On Wednesday, April 25 we host our annual Business Conference at the Briar Club. This year's theme is ***Doing Business in the Digital Age***. We have an outstanding roster of speakers and panelists to help us understand digital marketing, cloud computing, emerging technologies, cyber-security and the dangers of online fraud. Please join us. On Monday April 3, Facebook launched their Community Boost event at the Houston Public Library. Later this week the 2018 American China Real Estate Summit (ACRES) kicks off in Houston. Mayor Sylvester Turner will speak at our monthly luncheon on May 10. The Offshore Technology Conference starts April 30 and the Japan-Texas Economic Summit begins May 7.

We are happy to announce the 2018 ACC Scholarship Program for high school seniors. In addition to scholarships supported by the Bellaire/Southwest Rotary Club, we have a scholarship through the City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity Advisory Board. Interested students can find more information and applications at [www.accscholarshipfoundation.com](http://www.accscholarshipfoundation.com).

We are losing a valued board member, Claire Jin of Chase Bank. We wish her (and her family) well as she transitions to new Chase opportunities in Boston, MA.

Two national issues we are following:

- 1) The Trump administration announced the 2020 U.S. Census will include a question about citizenship. While this raises the visibility of the Census, it may also discourage participation. The ACC urges all Houston Asian community members to participate in the Census.
- 2) The U.S. and China are engaged in escalating trade dispute with tariffs imposed by both countries on each other's imports. It is not known when these tariffs will be implemented, but the likely effect will be to dampen bilateral trade hurting consumers and producers in both countries.

Please email questions to me at [myoung@asianchamber-hou.org](mailto:myoung@asianchamber-hou.org).

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Sincerely,  
Milton Young  
President, Asian Chamber of Commerce

## Upcoming Events

- America China Real Estate Summit (Apr 5-7)
- ACC Business Conference - Doing Business in the Digital Age (Apr 25)
- Offshore Technology Conference (Apr 30-May 3)
- Japan-Texas Economic Summit (May 7-9)
- ACC May Monthly Luncheon - Mayor Sylvester Turner (May 10)
- NASA Tour (June)
- Quarterly Networking Event - Sponsor: Naskila Gaming (May 24)
- SBA Workshop (June)
- ACC Scholarship Awards (June 7)
- Asian American Journalists Association National Convention (Aug 8-11)
- ACC August Monthly Luncheon - Judge Emmett (Aug 9)
- ACC Spirit of Entrepreneurship Gala (Oct 26)
- International Import Expo 2018 Shanghai (Nov 5-10)



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# DOING BUSINESS

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## IN THE DIGITAL AGE

We're fully entrenched in a digital era where consumers and businesses perform every transaction from the palm of their hand. Mobile apps, social media and the Internet of Things consume our lives. Please join us and learn how to incorporate the latest digital tools to your advantage in the business world.

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 25

THE BRIAR CLUB  
2603 Timmons Lane · Houston 77027  
2:00 - 5:00 PM

**Please register online:**  
<http://www.asianchamber-hou.org>  
or contact Barbara Gallo  
[bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org](mailto:bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org)

**Fees/Admission:**  
Members: \$50  
Non-members: \$75  
Late registration/day of: \$100

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# MONTHLY LUNCHEON

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH WITH MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER  
**ONWARD & UPWARD:  
HOUSTON CITY INITIATIVES**

THURSDAY  
**MAY 10**



**Mayor Sylvester Turner**

**Location:** The HESS Club  
5430 Westheimer  
Houston, TX 77056

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 10, 2018  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Register online:** [asianchamber-hou.org](http://asianchamber-hou.org)

**Fees/Admission:** Members: \$30  
Nonmembers: \$40  
Walk-ins: \$50

Elected in December 2015, Sylvester Turner is serving his first four-year term as Houston's 62nd mayor. Since taking office, Mayor Turner eliminated a \$160 million budget shortfall in record time; led the city's remarkable rebound from Hurricane Harvey; championed historic pension reform; cheered on the 2017 World Series-winning Houston Astros; hosted a successful Super Bowl LI; expanded municipal investments in renewable energy and led the winning bid to host the World Petroleum Congress in 2020.



For questions contact Barbara Gallo at 713.782.7222  
[bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org](mailto:bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org)

To reserve your seat at the May monthly luncheon, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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Please Join Us for Our Annual

# Spirit

OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP GALA

OCTOBER 26, 2018 @ 7PM

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## Strategic Partner

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As a longtime supporter of the Asian Chamber of Commerce, Wells Fargo is proud to be a sponsor of the Chinese Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program over the past two years and work with the Chamber to provide businesses with resources that drive economic growth across the region and within the Asian community in Houston. Small business is big business at Wells Fargo. Working with small business owners is one of the most important things we do. America needs small businesses to succeed financially, grow and add jobs for our communities to prosper.

Wells Fargo's relationship with the Asian American community dates back to its earliest history when it was founded in the 1850s. At that time, Wells Fargo was one of the first companies to serve Chinese customers in their native languages, and published the first directory of Chinese-owned businesses. And their efforts continue to this day as they actively support the Asian community with financial education, language services and support of Asian non-profit institutions and organizations. Wells Fargo is honored to continue a longstanding history of service and commitment to the Asian-American community.

## Board of Directors Spotlight



### ***Fan Chen***

#### **Treasurer - Board of Directors Asian Chamber of Commerce**

Fan Chen is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Nguyen & Chen, LLP, where he leads the Firm's Employment & Immigration Division and Corporate Division. With extensive legal experience, Fan has represented many companies and individuals in a wide range of immigration, employment, and corporate legal matters.

Fan is frequently invited to speak on various employment and immigration subjects, such as HR training, I-9 Audit, and Wage & Hour. He was invited to speak at Painter & Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) Texas Chapter Annual Forums and Houston Bar Association CLE seminars. The corporate clients represented by Fan comprise a broad range of industries, including oil and gas, construction, steel manufacturing, food processing, sanitation, grocery chains, hospitality, medicine, and engineering. His corporate clientele includes the world's largest special steel manufacturer, one of the largest swimming pool construction service companies in the U.S., and the largest sucker rod manufacturer in China.

He has been admitted to practice law in the State of Texas and in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas. He is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and a Legal Advisor of U.S. China Educational, Economic & Cultural Foundation (UCEECF).

Fan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Foreign Affairs College in Beijing and holds a J.D. degree from the University of Houston Law Center.

**Monthly Luncheon - March 8, 2018**



**Milton Young, Charlene Gilbert, Vivienne Kwon, May Wang, Judy Lee, and Wes Weaver**

**Asian Chamber Night at the Rodeo - March 7, 2018**



**Milton Young and Nguyen & Chen Law Firm**

## Renewing Members



**All Nippon Airways  
Mark Kamin & Associates  
Christina Zhou**

**Nic Shar**

## Member Questions

Please email questions to me at [myoung@asianchamber-hou.org](mailto:myoung@asianchamber-hou.org).  
I will try to answer 1-2 questions each newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Milton Young  
President, Asian Chamber of Commerce

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